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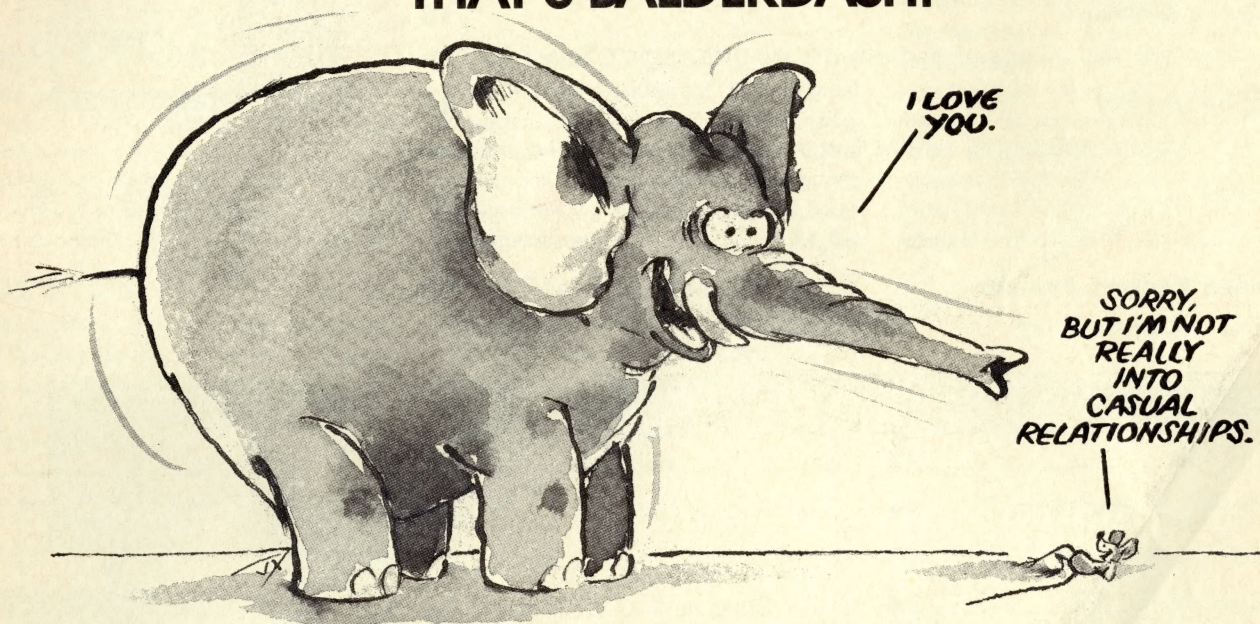


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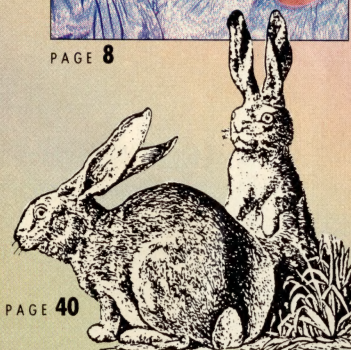
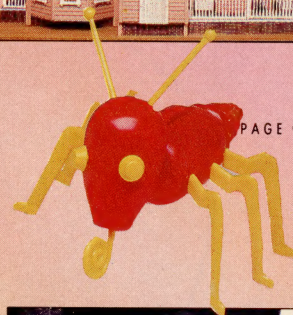
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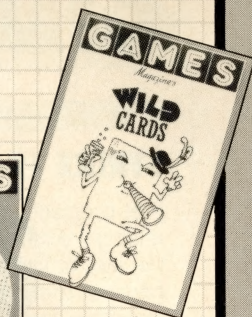
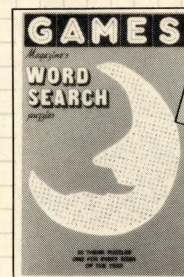
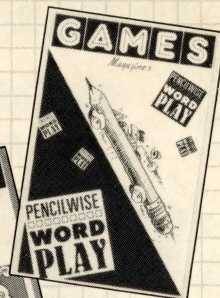
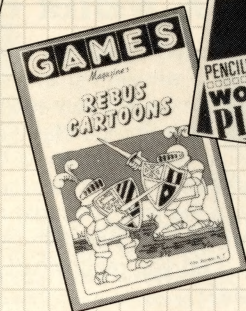
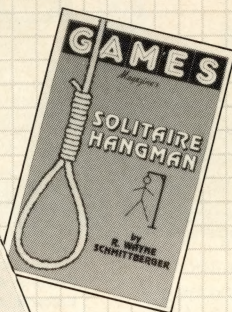
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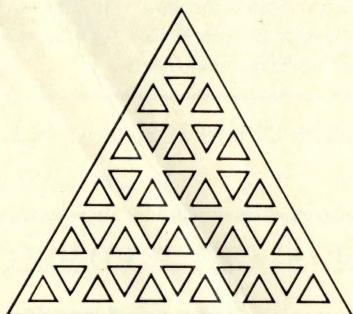
If at precisely 6:00:15 (15 seconds after six o'clock) Big Ben strikes the last of its six bongos for that hour, at precisely what time will it strike the last bong after noon?

Bill Lemley
Eureka, CA

NO EXIT ★★

See if you can draw a single, unbroken line through this figure following these rules:

1. Your line must follow the paths between triangles, beginning and ending at the same point.
2. Your line must pass all three sides of every triangle.
3. Your line must change direction at every intersection. It may cross itself, but it may not leave the enclosure or enter any triangle.



Lou Cortina
Pomona, CA

NUMEROLOGIC ★★★

In the multiplication problems below, each digit has been replaced by a different letter. Each letter stands for the same digit wherever it appears. Can you break the code and find the numbers?

$$\begin{array}{l} 3 \times \text{CAC} = \text{HEH} \\ 3 \times \text{ECF} = \text{GFD} \\ 4 \times \text{ABG} = \text{HEH} \\ 5 \times \text{ABG} = \text{KGB} \end{array}$$

Ian R. Strock
East Amherst, NY

I. M. A. WRITER ★★

We've mixed up the full names of 10 writers whose first and middle names are usually represented by initials. John Phillips Marquand, for instance, creator of Mr. Moto, is better known as J. P. Marquand. None of the first or middle names is correctly matched with its last name. Can you reconstruct the authors?

1. Alan Morgan Auden
 2. Charles Grenville Chesterton
 3. Edward David Eliot
 4. Thomas Keith Forster
 5. Jerome Joseph Mencken
 6. Henry Hugh Milne
 7. Pelham Percy Perelman
 8. Gilbert Alexander Salinger
 9. Sidney Stearns Snow
 10. Wylan Louis Wodehouse
- C. L. Wilson and A. L. Kern
Tulsa, OK

ADVICE VERSA ★

You can't teach an old dog new tricks—but then again, you're never too old to learn. Can you find the seven pairs of contradictory proverbs on this list?

1. Opposites attract.
2. Don't judge a book by its cover.
3. The more the merrier.
4. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
5. Don't cross a bridge before you come to it.
6. Clothes make the man.
7. Silence is golden.
8. The squeaking wheel gets the grease.
9. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
10. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
11. Birds of a feather flock together.
12. Two's company; three's a crowd.
13. Better safe than sorry.
14. Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

Richard A. Schutz
Philadelphia, PA

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PAU ATTENTION TO WHAT I AM GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, if you ever had any money and then suddenly lost it all, you know how I felt. If you don't have any money now or not enough to get by on, you know what I am talking about. It is a horrible feeling. My credit was shot, I lost all of my friends and my dreams became nothing more than a dream. The fact of the matter was that I was broke, very broke and that I was going nowhere fast.

I am not trying to make you feel sorry for me, after all I got out of debt and in the last six months I have bought a brand new Mercedes Benz 560 SEL, a boat and a house worth over half a million dollars and I paid for it all with cash, and I don't work more than four hours a day, from Monday to Thursday, best of all I don't have to answer to anyone and I have lots of time to do the fun things I enjoy. I am also NOT trying to impress you with my magic.

MY SUCCESS CAME AS THE RESULT OF MY RESEARCH INTO ALL OF THE THINGS THAT CAUSED ME TO MAKE MONEY PRIOR TO LOSING IT, except I have simplified them and it has only taken me six months to get back on my feet and make more money that I ever dreamed of. Had I not found the way to making money fast, god knows what would have happened to me and my family.

Today I enjoy a line of credit with my bank of \$1,000,000.00 and I also own a couple of income properties, so that no matter what happens I will always have enough income to support my family and never have to work one more day of my life. All of this in eight months, not to bad for only sixteen hours work per week.

By now you are probably wondering if, YOU CAN DO IT TO! and frankly my friend it does not matter, what your education, social status, or position in life is, THE ONLY PREREQUISITE TO MAKE MY FORMULA WORK FOR YOU IS. . . THAT YOU HAVE TO WANT MORE MONEY THAN WHAT YOU HAVE NOW. It's Just as simple as that. You can be poor today and in three months from now you can have all the money and properties you want or need and most important of all you will have peace of mind and financial security for you and your family. My secret will change your life, and all you have to do is to put it to work for you.

THIS SECRET IS INCREDIBLY SIMPLE, anyone can use it and it takes practically no money to start. You don't need any special training or even a high school education. It does not matter how young or old you are and the beauty of it is that once, in motion it will work for you even when you are off vacationing somewhere. Let me tell you more about his fascinating money idea. **WITH THIS SECRET THE MONEY WILL START ROLLING IN FAST, AND DEPENDING ON YOU, YOU MAY START CASHING IN ON IT OVERNIGHT. If you can follow simple instructions you can get started in a single afternoon.**

WHY, YOU MAY ASK, AM I WILLING TO SHARE THIS SECRET WITH YOU? TO MAKE MONEY? Hardly. First I already have all the money and possessions I'll ever need, second I am not looking for anyone to compete with and third, nothing would be more satisfying to me than to find out that with my secret some one else was able to realize their dreams, with this Golden Opportunity and to get in on it quickly. **Besides, when I was flat broke and the world seemed to have come to an end I would have wished to have had some one share a secret like this with me.**

One of the best things about the whole idea is that you can do it at home in your spare time. You don't need equipment or an office. It does not matter where you live either. You can use this secret if you live in a big city or on a farm or somewhere in between. **A GIRL ONLY 20 YEARS OLD USED MY SECRET AND HAS MADE OVER \$60,000.00 IN JUST 90 DAYS, NOT TO MENTION THAT SHE HAS A NEW CAR AND A LINE OF CREDIT WITH HER BANK FOR \$45,000.00.**

You can use this secret no matter how old or how young you are. There is no physical labor involved and everything is so easy that all you need is to follow simple, easy, step by step instructions. I personally know a man that has made \$100,000.00, was able to get a \$150,000.00 interest free loan and \$50,000.00 worth of insurance policy without paying a nickel for it, in just six months.

You will be able to raise \$60,000.00 or more overnight for whatever you need to pay no interest on it. And best of all you can keep it for as long as you want.

With my money secrets, you never have to try to convince anyone of anything. My system has nothing to do with door-to-door sales, and telephone solicitation, some fancy real estate transaction or anything else that involves personal contact.

My secret is perfectly legal and honest. You will be proud of how you are making money, what you are doing and the valuable results.

It will take you about two hours to get the idea. After that everything is almost automatic. After you get started you will be able to maintain a steady pace and look for investments and perhaps even businesses to enhance your wealth.

PROOF

Are you skeptical? that simply shows your good business sense. Well here is proof from people who have put this amazing secret into use and have gotten the money they ever desired, I am only using their initials for privacy. I have their testimonials in my files.

\$19,000.00 in one month.

"all I can say is that your plan is great! in just one month I have seen more money go through my hands than ever before".

T.M., New York, NY.

\$250,000.00 net worth in 120 days.

"I was abot to raise over \$500,000.00 in 120 days which gave me a net worth of just over \$250,000.00".

M.L. Houston, TX

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO START? Nothing but my step by step detailed report. . . A person virtually without a shirt on their back could do it. You will of course have to put the plan into motion-but that is both fun and easy and totally accomplished from the comfort of your own home. (I must mention that, no one will come to your home).

Finally, let me make this clear. Once you have my report, **THAT IS ALL YOU NEED TO GET GOING!** I have nothing else to sell you, I got out of misery with it and if I did it so can you. "Your purchase of this extraordinary report is **NOT** a "foot in the door" to get you to buy some other expensive "course" or whatever. . . My report is all you need from me, and you'll be on your way.

As you can tell by now, I have come across something pretty good. I believe I have discovered the sweetest-big-money-making secret that you could ever imagine. **And remember I guarantee it.**

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LETTERS

PHOTO FINISH?

After reading the Gamebit "Flipped Out" (September, page 8), about the Utah air show pilot who flies and lands his plane upside down, I showed it to my husband, a pilot. He looked at the photo on the facing page—showing two flat, padded footstools that apparently stand on a pair of human, sneakered feet—and inquired, "Is that the pilot and his passenger after landing?"

Sheila Bishop
Youngstown, OH

ADDED INTEREST

I enjoyed the puzzle "Compound Interest" (September, page 27), which broke celebrities' names into pieces and fit them into a sentence (for example: Henny was a YOUNG MAN when he told his first joke."). Here are a few of my own.

1. Johnny rides cable _____ trips to San Francisco.
2. Eva likes to _____ simply gossip on the phone.
3. Isaac kept his pet _____ a branch in the terrarium.
4. Phil looks bad in yellow; he should _____ less jarring.

Mary Kay Anderson
Decatur, IL

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LEFTIES' AID

In your October issue, a reader pointed out how inconvenient it is for left-handed people to do The World's Most Ornerly Crossword because the clues are always printed to the left of the grid ("Leftist Propaganda," Letters, page 6). Although I am right-handed, I managed to solve this problem in 10 seconds.

With scissors, cut along the "fold" line next to the Hard Clues. This will cut through the middle of the Easy Clues without damage. Tape the Hard Clues along the far right edge of the puzzle, and presto! A left-handed puzzle with Hard and Easy Clues intact.

If desired, the remaining Easy Clues can be covered by folding the previous page over them.

Mary E. Nations
Winter Park, FL

ONE-OH-OH-TWO-SPLAT

Talk about Laundry items! A Smithtown, Long Island, woman spotted this correction printed in her local *Pennysaver* newspaper and sent it in to the *New York Times*. I thought your eagle-eyed readers might get a kick out of someone else's mistake.

Miranda Flory
New York, NY

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are one of hundreds of parachuting enthusiasts who bought our course titled "Easy Sky Diving in One Fell Swoop," please make the following correction: On page 8, line 16, change "state ZIP code" to "pull rip cord." Montezuma Mail Order Co.

THINK FAST

When I arrived home from work a few weeks ago, I found the flyer below on my doorstep. Fortunately, I've been chosen to receive a free burglar alarm. My only question is, If I want one, do I call or don't I?

Lydian Davis
Tempe, AZ

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REDEFINED

I read the "Definitials" contest results (September, page 50), in which Annette M. Stewart, of Reisterstown, MD, was a special winner for her telling of "Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare," and would like to offer this correction:

Another Novice Naughtily Edits Tragic Tale Ending. Make Silly Thing Eat Words And Return T-shirt! Original Facts: Romeo Emotionally Imbibes Strichnine. Tearful Escort Runs Self Through On Waking Nap, Mimicking Death.

Ann Neely
Alamo, CA

INTRODUCTIONS ALL AROUND

The puzzle "Making Ends Meet" (October, page 27) took famous names and combined their ends to form common words (for instance, the word CHICKENS was formed by combining the two ends of CHARLES DICKENS). Number 3, JOTTER, was answered "John Ritter," but I, being 64 years old, thought of "John Scott Trotter," a well-known band leader prior to World War II who was often associated with Bing Crosby. Incidentally, who is John Ritter?

R. D. March
Sedona, AZ

Remember cowboy singing star Tex Ritter?
John is his son.—Ed.

HOSPITALITY

I truly enjoy GAMES but seldom have time to spend with it. Recently, I had time to completely work several issues, as I was recuperating from a hospital stay. Thanks for making it a most enjoyable recovery period.

Wilma Flory
Batesville, IN

SAY WHAT NOW?

I understand Norman Moss's frustration when talking to people of other English-speaking nations ("Plain English," Gamebits, August, page 7). While traveling in Europe I met a congenial South African and we decided to have dinner together. He suggested meeting "just now." I felt it was too early, and suggested we meet later. He said, "Okay, see you just now." I said, "No, no, see you later."

It seems we were talking about the same thing after all, so we had dinner a little later, just now.

Sharon Adelman
Vancouver, British Columbia

TIPPED OFF

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Florence Goldman
New York, NY

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LAUNDRY

If a reader finds a significant error of fact or a mistake that affects the play of a game, and we agree the slip needs to be laundered, we'll print the first or best letter and send the writer a GAMES T-shirt.

MISTAKES: NOVEMBER

In "The Games 100," a photo of Mattel's out-of-print *Electronic Dallas* erroneously accompanied the review of *Maruca Industries' Dallas* board game on page 41.

OCTOBER

Your puzzle, "Trivial Pursuit, the Word Search Edition" (page 30) carried an error from the game into your magazine. "Anchors Aweigh" is not the U.S. Navy hymn; it's the anthem. The hymn is "Eternal Father! Strong To Save."

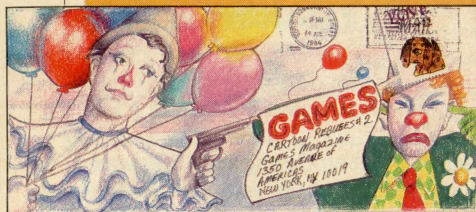
Myron Peck
White Bear Lake, MN

CLEAN LINEN

• "Fix-Up" (*Wild Cards*, September, page 52) showed a calculator readout of an addition problem that didn't work. Some of the digits in the sum had one segment too many or too few lit up, and the puzzle was to find the correct equation. Readers sent us a flood of alternative answers, all changing a four into a nine. But in the sample digits given with the puzzle, a nine has two more segments than a four, so the fours in the readout cannot be nines.

• Nearly as many readers sent us alternative answers to "Big Deal" on the same page. All of them, though, gave poker hands of the same type to two different players (two full houses, two fours-of-a-kind, etc.). Such duplication was ruled out by the conditions of the puzzle.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



Donna F. Taylor
Richton Park, IL

EVENTS

DAY OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER 1-31

December is Bingo's birthday month. In 1929, Edwin S. Lowe, a New York toy salesman, came across the game Beano at a carnival. Lowe bought some beans, a numbering stamp, and cardboard, and created his version, called Bingo. Lowe did not trademark the name, and many imitations emerged. Nevertheless, the game was a success and put Lowe's founding toy firm squarely on its feet. Today, an estimated 52.3 million people play Bingo.

If you plan to attend any of the following events, write or call to check entry fees, dates, sites, eligibility, etc. Include a SASE with your request. If you know of other events suitable for this column, write to Events, c/o GAMES.

BOSTON TEA PARTY A colorful reenactment of the Colonists' 1773 protest of the British tax on tea will be held December 14, at the Congress Street Bridge in Boston Harbor. A parade of minutemen, modern-day patriots, and descendants of the 1773 Sons of Liberty will converge upon a replica of His Majesty's vessel and proceed to dump the ship's cargo of tea overboard. The festivities are free, and following the show the public is invited to climb aboard for their own symbolic protest by tossing still more tea into the harbor. Contact: Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum, Congress Street Bridge, Boston, MA 02210, or call (617) 338-1773.

CRYPTOLOGY The Annual Cryptology Paper Competition invites undergraduates to submit essays in any area of cryptology—technical, recreational, historical, or literary. Deadline is January 1, 1987. The best paper wins \$300 and publication in *Cryptologia* magazine. Contact: Cryptologia, Editorial Office, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN 47803, or call (812) 877-1511.

FOOSBALL Over 100 people will aim for the goal of \$1000 in cash and trophies at the Star Bucks Foosball Tournament, December 13-14, in Moore, Oklahoma. Entry fees for fans of the table soccer game range from \$5-\$10. Contact: Tournament Time, P.O. Box 83392, Oklahoma City, OK 73148, or call (405) 632-2097.

KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION Over 1,500 junior and senior high school teams will compete in the National Knowledge Master Open, December 3. An Apple II computer is all that's required. From the provided contest disk students answer 200 questions based on all curriculum areas. Entry fee per team is \$30. Prizes include trophies, jerseys, and software coupons. Contact: Knowledge Master Open, Academic Hallmarks, P.O. Box 998, Durango, CO 81302, or call (800) 321-9218; in Colorado (303) 274-8738.

PINBALL Pinball wizards will compete to win a new pinball machine at Pinball Expo 86, November 21-23, at the Rosemont Holiday Inn, in Rosemont, Illinois. Also on the program are pinball exhibits, panel discussions with game designers, and a seminar. Registration fee for the complete show is \$45. Contact: Pinball Expo 86, c/o Robert Berk, 26-71 Youngstown Rd., Warren, OH 44484, or call (216) 369-1192.

WORD WEEKEND The password is fun as GAMES Contributing Editor Gloria Rosenthal conducts The Wonderful World of Words, December 12-14, at Mohonk Mountain House, in New Paltz, New York. Challenges include "human Scrabble" and "brain games" led by GAMES Senior Editor Will Shortz. Prizes will be awarded. Contact: Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, NY 12561, or call (914) 255-1000; in New York City (212) 233-2244.

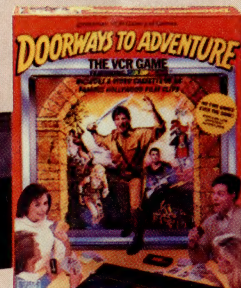
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THE PIECE CORPS

Donna Klett doesn't go to pieces when she's under pressure: Last August, the 14-year-old girl won the Fifth Annual National Jigsaw Puzzle Championship singles title, picking up \$2,000 for being the first person in a race to solve a 500-piece puzzle of a zebra's face.

Fitting together pieces at a rate of one every 13 seconds, Klett posted the top time of one hour 49 minutes 28 seconds. A native of Stow, Ohio, Klett was one of more than 650 puzzlers from 27 states who came to Athens, Ohio, for the two days of festivities, sponsored by the American Publishing Corporation, makers of the competition puzzles, and the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center.

In Saturday's opening rounds, more than 360 singles competitors tackled a 500-piece jigsaw painting of exotic birds, while 150 doubles teams struggled with a 1,000-piece rectangular puzzle featuring brightly colored umbrellas. During free time, puzzlers enjoyed a carnival atmosphere, viewing exhibits of antique and international puzzles, guessing the number of jigsaw pieces in a fishbowl (11,832), and swapping solving strategies ("Are you a color, shape, or edge person?" was a common opening line).

With three singles titles already behind her at age 24, graduate student Joellen Beifuss, of Memphis, Tennessee, set her sights on the doubles event, teaming up with Pamela Pietz Kerstetter, of Aurora, Colorado. Though they only practiced together on two weekends

("At first we kept bumping into one another," Beifuss jokes), they handily won Sunday's doubles final and \$2,000 each. The nimble-fingered duo completed a 1,000-piece puzzle of a leopard in just two hours, 39 minutes 25 seconds, some 48 minutes and uncounted spots ahead of the runners-up.

Beifuss says she does jigsaws as a "nice way to relax," often while listening to Bruce Springsteen, but admits she "got tensed up at the contest." Terri La-

Robert Kirsch some undelivered letters he had mailed ... 42 years ago.

Kirsch, 66, was one of 93 World War II servicemen aboard the U.S.S. *Caleb Strong* in May, 1944. During their voyage from Newport News, Virginia, to Oran, Algeria, the men wrote a total of 253 letters, none of which was delivered until last summer.

What took so long? Don't blame the post office, says Meg Harris, media relations officer for the postal service. The fault lies with an

Caleb Strong trip. She was now happily married—to someone else.

"She didn't want to see the letters at all," says Harris. "That's when we started reconsidering."

Now the postal service is seeking the senders, with help from the Veteran's Administration, the National Archives, and the media. So far it has found 17, and some of the finds have been just plain lucky. For instance, the postmaster in Raleigh recognized one of the names when he was first given the batch of mail, and someone he knew recognized two others.

A general manager at the office of the Washington, DC, Postal Service saw the name W. Droppo and wondered if it was the same Walter Droppo who had once played first base for the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles. It was, and the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association helped locate him.

But not all the servicemen had such unusual names. "One of them is named Smith," says Harris. "He won't be easy to find." She also expected trouble in locating Raoul Alvarez, another common name, but it turned out he was a post office employee in California. What's more, the Terry Espinosa to whom his missive was addressed was now Mrs. Alvarez. Said his wife of the very romantic letter he'd written: "I'm thrilled to get it, even though it's late."

As for Robert Kirsch, he had written his letters to his mother. He recalls "asking her if she'd gotten some things I had sent home." And had she? "It's been so long," Kirsch says, "neither of us can remember."

—Minda Zetlin



Finalists at the jigsaw tourney look for a piece of the action.

spata, a 21-year-old secretary from Mantua, New Jersey, is "fascinated" by jigsaw puzzles, and trailed Klett in the singles finals by just over three minutes, finishing in second place for the third time. "It's exciting," Laspatha says of the competition. "Your fingers just keep going and you can't stop. It's as if they have a life of their own."

—Robert D. Spurrier

MAIL AND FAREWELL

Sure, the U.S. Mail can be slow, but this was ridiculous. Last summer the post office finally returned to

unknown serviceman who, when heading home from Oran in 1944, took the letters with the promise to post them once he got back to the United States.

Apparently, "he just forgot," says Harris. After the war, the serviceman stored them in his aunt's attic in Raleigh, North Carolina, where, last June, an exterminator discovered them and alerted postal authorities.

At first, the postal service planned to deliver the letters to the addressees—or, at least, to as many as it could find. But one of the first recipients turned out to be a woman whose then serviceman-sweetheart had written her four letters during the

BRIAN BLAUSER

PUZZLE PINNACLE

There's not a cross word in Jerry Slocum's new book. That's because Slocum was too busy writing about *mechanical* puzzles, a subject on which he's the world's leading expert (see "Strings



Examples of interlocking plastic keychain puzzles.

Too Short To Use," GAMES, October, 1984).

Co-authored by Jack Bortmans, *Puzzles Old & New* (\$19.95, University of Washington Press) is the fruit of eight years of painstaking labor, and may be the most complete and accessible book ever written on the subject.

"I wanted it to be an authoritative history of puzzles, and at the same time be interesting and fun to read," says Slocum, a Beverly Hills-based aerospace engineer. Most of the puzzles shown in the book are from his 10,000-item collection; along with the explanatory text are hundreds of photographs of puzzles dating back to antiquity. In addition, there are instructions for building some 500 of the puzzles out of wood, paper, and other materials.

What exactly is a mechanical puzzle? According to the authors, it is "... a self-contained object, composed of one or more parts, which involves a problem for one person to solve by manipulation using logic, reasoning, insight, luck, and/or dexterity."

Every variety of puzzle is described, from Chinese tangrams to interlocking puzzles like the fiendish "Great Pagoda" to sequential movement puzzles like Rubik's Cube. Perhaps the most tantalizing category is "Impossible Object Puzzles," a prime example of which is pictured on the book's cover: a Coca-Cola bottle pierced by a wooden arrow. The hole drilled through the bottle is only as wide as the shaft, yet it has somehow accommodated the arrow's wider head. "And there are no adhesives used in its construction anywhere," says Slocum.

Then how was it built? Although he includes answers for many of the other puzzles in the book, Slocum won't reveal the answer to the Coke puzzle. He is, however, inviting people to visit a traveling museum exhibit based on the book. These puzzles will be displayed at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles from late November 1986 through February 1987; the MIT Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from March through June, 1987; the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers, New York, from



The object of "Pigs in Clover," a 19th-century dexterity puzzle, was to get the balls in the "pen."

July through September, 1987; and The Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul, from October 1987 through early January, 1988.

This fascinating book can be ordered by sending \$22 (\$23.25 for Californians) to: P.O. Box 1635, Beverly Hills, CA 90213. And if you figure out the arrow trick, you can tell us the answer.

—A. M.



At the Twins Days Festival, visitors experienced double vision.

TWICE AS NICE

No, you're not seeing double. The folks above are a few of the approximately 1,000 pairs of twins who



Triplets at Twins Days believe three's no crowd.

gathered last summer in Twinsburg, Ohio, to attend the annual Twins Days Festival.

The fraternal and identical twins on hand from the U.S. and abroad caused visitors to do constant double takes, and left many of them with the impression of having wandered through a funhouse hall of mirrors.

The weekend festivities included the presentation of awards (one went to the mother of three pairs of twins), contests for the most and least identical twins in different age categories, and various games and activities. No one, however, was seen playing duplicate bridge.

—C. S.

CHIPS OFF THE OLD SOCK

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Are there any disadvantages to the shoe, aside from the \$200 price tag? Nothing that a pair of Dr. Scholl's Odor Eaters won't cure.

—Marshal M. Rosenthal



Chips can be removed from rundown shoes and placed in new ones.



HORACE BEAM

and the paths of fear

BY CURTIS SLEPIAN

USE YOUR INTUITION TO REACH THE END OF THIS VERBAL MAZE ★

Ace reporter Horace Beam has top billing in this adventure story, but the real main character is you. When Horace has a decision to make, you make it for him; when paths diverge, you choose the one he is to take; when danger threatens, you decide how to save his neck.

Each challenge in this story offers you two or more choices. The correct one will allow the narrative to continue to the next crisis; the wrong one will lead the story—and the hero—to an inglorious demise.

So that you will not be tempted (or able) to read ahead of the story, the scenes have been arranged out of sequence in numbered paragraphs. At each decision point, the option you choose will direct you to a certain numbered paragraph. Thus, in following the plot, you may have to jump from paragraph 20 to paragraph 15 to paragraph 34, and so on. If your choice leads to a dead end, return to the paragraph you just left (a number in brackets at the end of the "losing" paragraph will remind you where you were) and pursue another choice.

To begin your adventure, read paragraph 1 below—and good luck!

1 You are Horace Beam, an ace investigative reporter for the New York *Times-Examiner*. You've broken a few major stories in your day, but it's been two years since your last big, front-page article, and the national news editor, Ed Op, is getting impatient. What's worse, your chief rival, Inez Sniff, of the *Washington Pest*, has scooped you three times in the last six months. You realize you'd better come up with something earthshaking—and before Sniff does—or you may soon be an ex-reporter.

On a chilly November day you sit at your desk at the *Times-Examiner*, polishing your spectacles and daydreaming about writing a story that would put your name up in journalistic lights along with Woodward and Bernstein. The gruff voice of Op calling you into his office interrupts your fantasy. "A couple of stories just landed on my desk. One involves the possible murder of the chief executive of a Fortune 500 company; there's a huge will involved. The other concerns an outbreak of violence following some suspicious land takeovers in the Miami area. Which do you want?" One of these assignments could make your career.

If you want to cover the possible murder, go to 11.

If you want to cover the violence in Miami, go to 32.

2 While the fighting rages, you take off into the thick vegetation and run for a long time. Suddenly you realize you are totally lost. For several days you wander aimlessly, eating fruit and twigs, but it isn't enough to sustain

your strength. While sitting listlessly under a huge tree, you are too weak to avoid a poisonous tree frog that rubs its deadly venom on your hand. Too weak even to notice that you are paralyzed and have stopped breathing. [27]

3 The tunnel keeps veering to the left, first widening, then narrowing. You think you're lost and start running in a blind panic. Go to 29.

4 How clever! Your pursuers shoot past the country road and lose precious seconds backtracking to pick up your trail. You're putting ever more distance between you and them—until you're forced to halt your car for an enormous flock of sheep crossing the road. Your pursuers have caught up, and there's nowhere to run. You hear a bleating noise—it's coming not from the sheep but from you. A brutal-looking figure steps from the car and aims a small automatic at your heart. You realize with regret that the next place your name will appear in print is in the obituaries. [15]

5 You swallow the potion and instantly your senses reel. Then you have a revelation: The numbers you saw on the side of the lead-lined crates are latitude and longitude lines. And Prince Olav isn't a person—it's a place. That's where that processed uranium is heading. And that's where you must go to solve the mystery.

Two weeks later, a British anthropologist passes through the village and takes you with her to Asunción. You immediately search out an atlas in a bookstore and discover that 85° south and 170° east are the latitude and longitude of the Prince Olav Mountains in Antarctica. You take the first available train to Buenos Aires, where you are hired as an assistant cook on a tramp steamer carrying a scientific expedition to the South Pole. From the scientists on board, you learn that mysterious drilling operations are taking place near the Prince Olav Mountains on the Ross Ice Shelf.

The scientists need a cook, so they take you to their base. From there, you steal a dog team and mush across the ice to Prince Olav, shivering in the subfreezing cold. Without warning, atmospheric conditions change, producing a white out—you can't see the horizon line. Worse, the wind is picking up—a blizzard is approaching!

If you stay put, go to 36.

If you forge ahead, go to 38.

6 With two wives, you grow fat and lazy. It's fun being a god. But the quest for the story gnaws at you (as do the jumbo-size mosquitoes). Though you have no leads to follow, two ways of picking up the trail of the sto-

ry present themselves. You can swallow the magic potion used by the tribe's shaman to impart wisdom and pray it gives you some insight. (However, it occasionally has a side effect—permanent madness.) On the other hand, tribesmen have spotted a “goddess” camping nearby. Perhaps she can help you.

If you take the dangerous potion, go to 5.

If you seek out the “goddess,” go to 10.

7 You manage to stay ahead of the pursuers, whom you eventually elude in the ever-thickening traffic heading toward Nice. Sweating in fear, you buy a swimsuit and go to the beach. A beautiful young woman sunbathing topless beckons to you, and with a shock you notice it's Inez Sniff. She says she's vacationing in Nice. “What a coincidence,” you say, “so am I.” She believes you as much as you believe her. When she asks to have a drink with you and talk about a “charming little town called St. Albres,” you know you're both onto the same story. You don't trust her, but she might know something.

If you have drinks with her to pump her for information, go to 21.

If you give her a rain check and return to your hotel alone, go to 9.

8 You grab a hard, day-old *baguette* from the bar and slam it over the knife-wielder's head, knocking him unconscious. His grateful foe buys you a drink. Digging for information, you casually mention how difficult it is to get inside the construction area. “It's no problem. Follow me,” he says, leading you out of the bar. You park your car beside a hill below the site. The Frenchman points to an opening in the rocks, and says “Go through there, monsieur. Au revoir.” You slither through the gap and into a dark tunnel that leads you into a dank chamber. In the dim light you observe that the path forks.

If you take the right path, go to 15.

If you take the left path, go to 24.

9 Back at the hotel you take out the paper you picked up at the construction site. It bears the letterhead of Noah Enterprises of California, one of the richest and most aggressive companies in the world. Why are they going to so much trouble to acquire such valueless property? You hop on the next flight to Los Angeles to find out.

Noah Enterprises is headquartered in a giant white building located in the center of a 100-acre industrial park on the outskirts of Pasadena. The president and founder is Crabtree Noah, a recluse who has never given an interview. Surprisingly, he immediately grants you one. Heavily armed security guards escort you from the lobby to the top floor and usher you into a vast room. Behind a desk sits Noah, a tiny, wizened old man who sounds like Elmer Fudd—but a ruthless Elmer Fudd. You take a deep breath and ask him why he is intimidating people into selling their land. He smiles coldly. “I'd be careful about printing such libelous statements. As for our building plans, we think these sites are potentially popular tourist areas.”

On the wall behind him is a map of the world, with black pins marking sites in Australia, Jamaica, California, South Carolina, and scores of other places. You can see pins in St. Albres and Limboville. Oddly enough, all these sites are several miles inland from already existing resort areas. Noah sees you studying the map and snaps, “If you have any more questions, my assistant Karl can answer them.”

Karl makes William “The Refrigerator” Perry look like a thermos bottle. “Let me show you how diversified we are,” he says, steering you into an elevator with his massive hand. “For example, we work on projects for the mili-

tary.” The elevator stops at a floor labeled “Chem/War.” Karl ushers you into an elaborately equipped laboratory. Before you know what's happening, he picks up a canister labeled “cyanogen,” a deadly gas, shatters it against the floor, then dashes out of the room, locking the door behind him. The poison vapors slowly swirl up. You look around in terror and spot a window above some high shelves stocked with bottles containing various liquids.

If you try to escape through the window, go to 26.

If you throw some bottles of liquid on the floor, desperately hoping this will “smother” the gas, go to 30.

10 The goddess turns out to be Inez Sniff, who is on the track of your story. She too is at a dead end and asks you to team up with her. But when she realizes you can't help her, she unleashes such a scathing critique of your reportorial skills that you slink back to the village, ego crushed. She eventually gets the story; you stay with the tribe and eventually forget how to speak English. [6]

11 You fly to Chicago, where Brad Hohumm, Chairman of the Board of Quasi Products, has been found dead in his bathroom, the result of a blow to his head. A juicy scandal is brewing—Hohumm might have been murdered by his wife, children, accountant, and/or mistress. After working on the story for three weeks, you learn that Hohumm died from hitting his head on the bathtub after slipping on a bar of soap. You file this boring story in New York and are assigned to cover the numismatic news. [1]

12 Slapping a thug with your notepad, you break away and run up to an airport cop. The limo instantly zooms away. Shaken, you just barely manage to make your scheduled flight. Unfortunately, half an hour after takeoff, two armed men wave pistols at the flight attendants and hijack the plane to Cuba. The Cubans release all the passengers but you, suspecting that you are a CIA agent. After being held captive for two years, you are released. But the CIA now suspects you of being a Cuban spy and has you fired from the *Times-Examiner*. [25]

13 The reactor is deserted. You climb out into the cold, where you notice that a shaft has been partially drilled right above the reactor. Next to it are sticks of dynamite. Getting an idea, you light their fuses and fling them down the hole. The explosion caves in the ceiling of the reactor, allowing tons of ice to fall in, cooling the rods temporarily until help arrives to shut the reactor off permanently.

Drawn by your faithful team of huskies, you return to the scientific base. Halfway back, you pass Sniff on a snowmobile. She doesn't know it yet, but you've scooped her. Several days later you walk into your office at the *Times-Examiner* to type out the story of a lifetime. When it's published, Noah is arrested, and his various reactors are shut down by U.S. and Canadian authorities. Several months later, you win the Pulitzer Prize for journalism.

14 Deciding to leave by the lobby was foolish. Karl is on his way out to lunch when he spots you at the front door. He takes you to another Pentagon project, one called “Bio/War,” where a technician injects you with botulin. It's always fatal. [30]

15 After a brief ascent you breathe fresh air. You spot a fissure in the wall of the tunnel and exit through it. You are inside the fence of the construction site. Attempting to look inconspicuous, you sneak into the architect's shack, hoping to find some shred of information. You grab

a piece of paper from a table and get out. The burly guard at the front gate gives you a puzzled haven't-I-seen-you-somewhere-before look, but you coolly walk past him to your car, resisting the temptation to break into a run. As you floor the accelerator, you notice in the rearview mirror a sleek auto roaring out of the construction site in pursuit. Zooming along twisting country roads, you fail to shake the car. A shot rings out, shattering your rear windshield. You wonder idly if you'll have trouble with the car-rental people. Ahead, the arrows of a road sign point in two directions: "Nice, 8 km," and "Point d'Albes, 5 km." You must lose your pursuers.

If you take the main road to Nice in order to move fast, go to 7.

If you fool them by taking the off-road to Point d'Albes, go to 4.

16 "You're from the vice squad!" he says, his voice quaking in fear. "How did you . . . please don't arrest me, I won't do it again!" He begins to sob. Amazingly, this guy has never watched TV. You promise to let him go this time, and he meekly lets you into the record room. You find that large lots of land have been purchased recently in Dade County near a small town called Limberville. The name of the purchaser has been erased.

You rent a car and drive to Limberville, about five miles from downtown Miami. The area is low rent, but that hasn't stopped someone from buying up hundreds of acres of property. When you ask the sheriff about reports of violence, he strongly advises you to get out of town. Driving past abandoned homes with "Sold" signs on them, you notice one house that's still occupied. The curtains are drawn, ominously reminding you of the house in *Psycho*.

If you pull into the driveway to see what the owners know, go to 25.

If you heed the sheriff's warning and return to your hotel, go to 28.

17 Hearing you order a glass of wine in your high-school French, the man with the knife turns on you: "I hate to hear our proud language butchered thus." Forgetting the other man, he drunkenly lunges at you, stabbing you in the chest. As your life seeps away in this quaint bar, you realize you will die without having ever eaten authentic salade Nicoise. [40]

18 Finding an elevator at the end of the hallway, you exit at the lowest level, where you are greeted with a radiation warning symbol. At the end of the corridor is a heavy steel door. The door won't budge, but peering through the window in it you see a sign: "Operation Asunción." An alarm goes off, indicating that plant security knows you're alive, so you exit through the basement.

Nerves shot, you drive to Disneyland to relax and collect your thoughts. In Fantasyland, the sight of Goofy makes you feel as excited as a kid—until you notice that Goofy is aiming a Magnum equipped with a silencer at you. You start running, Goofy fast behind you. Maybe you can lose him inside one of the attractions.

If you go on the Matterhorn roller coaster, go to 34.

If you try the Pirates of the Caribbean, an indoor boat ride, go to 37.

19 The tunnel leads to a gallery, where a ledge gives way under you. After falling down a steep incline of pebbles for what seems like minutes, you roll to a halt. Dusting yourself off, you notice an eerie glow in the distance. A path leads to an overhang, and looking down you see a long valley lit by phosphorescent stalactites—it's a

lost world, inhabited by woolly mammoths, Paleozoic birds, and real, live Neanderthal men! This is the story of the century, your ticket to fame and fortune!

Suddenly, you hear a growl. Behind you is a slavering, 10-foot-long saber-toothed tiger, ready to pounce. As it leaps for your throat, you begin to scree . . . [8]

20 Omar cuts off only one ear before the *Times-Examiner* reluctantly agrees to his demands. You return to the United States, get an agent, sell your story to *People* magazine, become a celebrity, and quit the paper. But when a movie deal based on your exploits falls through, you quickly fade into obscurity. [31]

21 After four drinks at your hotel bar, you and Sniff go to your room. After two more drinks you pass out. When you wake up, Sniff is gone and so is the paper you stole from the construction site. You're at a dead end. Instead of facing your editor, you decide to take a job selling ice cream on the beach. [7]

22 Two days after you marry Miyumbo, Kababa, in a fit of jealousy, puts poison in your stew. Since gods cannot die, reasons the chief, clearly you were not a god. [35]

23 The raggedy man takes you to a seedy hotel. "In room 212 is an envelope. If you like what is in it, pay me on the way out. Here is the key." You enter room 212, but before you can open the envelope, the police break in. The envelope contains cocaine—you've been set up. Just as they throw you into a police car downstairs, you spot the raggedy man talking to Inez Sniff. She is smiling. You never know if she gets the story, because there are no newspapers in the cell in which you spend the next 25 years. [37]

24 The path descends slightly. The walls are cold and damp, and you feel claustrophobic. What could that Frenchman have been thinking? Go to 29.

25 You knock on the door. A woman cautiously opens it and points a shotgun at your nose. When you tell her you're a reporter, she relates a strange story: "Two men come to our house one day and say they'd like to buy our property. We're not interested, but they're persistent. Finally, they get tough. My husband, Jake, throws them out. A week later, Jake is found dead, drowned in a ditch. Drunk, the cops say. But Jake don't touch alcohol. Lots of folks around here have been beaten up and worse, forced to sell their property. The sheriff don't do nothing about it. They're threatening me, but I ain't moving." You smell a story. "Anything you remember about the men who came here?" "Yes," she says. "One had this French way of talking, and I overheard him saying something to the other guy about his niece's project."

On the way back to Miami you let the information percolate in your head. Niece? French accent? Wait a second! Maybe he was talking about Nice, the city on the French Riviera. Since you travel light and your bag is in your rental car, you check out of the hotel without returning to your room. As you head for the airport, you notice a black limo behind you.

At the airport you buy a ticket for Nice. Before you get to the boarding gate, two oily men in dark suits sandwich you. One of the thugs shows you a gun and orders you outside. The black limo is parked at a departure zone. "Get in," the man says, opening the door.

You can't fight two armed men. If you do what he says, go to 40.

Getting in is asking for trouble. If you resist, go to 12.

26 Panic-stricken, you climb to the top of the shelves and, straining your arm, smash the painted-over window. Through the hole in the glass, you see with a sinking heart that the window is backed by a steel grill. You begin coughing; the room spins and you fall to the floor. Your last thought is that, although you'll never find out what Noah is really up to, at least you won't have to pay any more alimony to your ex-wife. [9]

27 The burned man takes you by truck through the countryside, then leads you on foot deep into the rain forest, cutting through the thick vines with a machete. Coming to a clearing, he puts a finger to his lips. In front of you is a setting out of World War II: a compound of shacks and cement block buildings painted with huge swastikas. A group of old men wearing Nazi S.S. uniforms are brandishing pistols at peons carrying heavy crates bearing the code "85S/170E."

"Put up your hands, *Schweinehund!*" Stepping in front of you is a Nazi holding a vintage luger. You are taken to a bare room. The door opens and two Nazis swagger in, one young, the other old and stooped. "I'm Dr. Strossner," says the old guy in a thick German accent. "You have come to spy on our operations, *ja?* But we have been waiting for you." Despite the fear growing in your gut, you're a reporter and can't help asking questions. Strossner answers them openly, which only increases your fear. "Many of the glorious heroes of the Third Reich who live in Paraguay work for this operation. Here we process raw uranium. It is inconvenient that so many workers, like your friend, become too weak from radiation sickness to continue their labors, but such is life, eh? The money Noah pays us goes toward our goal of reviving the Reich." You ask what the uranium will be used for. "Prince Olav . . . but I've told you enough. Now it is time for you to die—slowly." "Keep this up and my paper will do a hatchet job on you guys," you say feebly.

While the young storm trooper savagely grips your arms, Strossner takes out surgical tools, humming to himself like a man who enjoys his work. But just as the cold scalpel touches your skin, an explosion shakes the room, and gunfire is heard outside. Strossner and his henchman run out of the shack and you follow. You see that the compound is under attack by men in green fatigues. This is your chance to escape the Nazis.

If you place yourself in the hands of your liberators, go to 31.

If you flee into the jungle and try to find your way back to Asunción, go to 2.

28 Driving back to Miami, you look forward to a dip in the pool. You open the door to your room and the lights go out. When you wake up, you're in a hospital room and your head throbs. A nurse looks down at you and asks your name. You don't remember. You don't remember anything else either. You are taken back to New York, where, for the next few years, you slowly regain a few fragments of your memory. [16]

29 The path continues downward. You light a match and see that the tunnel diverges into two paths.

If you take the left branch, go to 3.

If you take the right branch, go to 19.

30 You throw every bottle in sight. Fortunately, one of them contains ice water, which neutralizes the gas. You play dead on the floor. In a few minutes, an air pump is turned on to suck the poison gas out of the room, and a security guard enters and bends over you. You lunge up

and KO him with a punch that you learned from covering boxing matches during your days on the sports beat. After donning his uniform, you leave the room and casually walk down the corridor.

If you decide to get out while you can, go to 14.

If you use this chance to explore the place, go to 18.

31 "Hi, fellas!" Ignoring your jaunty greeting, one of the green-clad liberators raises his rifle to shoot you, but another stops him, saying, "Take the gringo." A hood is placed over your head, and you're thrown roughly onto the floor of a truck. As the truck bounces over the jungle's terrain during the next several hours, you discover you've gone from the frying pan into the fire—these are left-wing guerrillas bent on overthrowing the government. When you reach camp you learn from their Marxist leader, Omar, that you are to be held for ransom. Knowing how cheap the publisher of the *Times-Examiner* is, you mentally start making out your will.

The guerrillas bind you hand and foot with rope, leaving just enough slack to enable you to eat your daily meal—a couple of bananas. A good source of potassium, you think optimistically. Unfortunately, the bananas are often stolen by monkeys. A few days later, Omar tells you no one is offering any money for you, and so he's going to start cutting off parts of your body to convince your people he means business: "Nothing personal, my capitalist pig amigo." At times like these, you wonder if this job is worth the trouble.

If you try to escape, despite not knowing where you are, go to 42.

If you wait it out, thinking Omar is bluffing and that your newspaper will put up the ransom money, go to 20.

32 You take the first plane out of Kennedy Airport and land in balmy Miami. After checking into a hotel and changing into seersucker, you head for the land records office at city hall. The records are in a huge, musty room overseen by a zealous civil servant, who refuses to let you view any ledgers. "You don't have authorization," he whines. No amount of pleading budes the implacable bureaucrat: Not even the gates of Hell are this closely guarded! But you need this information badly.

If you appeal to his civic pride by telling him you work for *Miami Vice*, go to 16.

If you appeal to his greed and try to bribe him with \$20, go to 39.

33 It takes all your energy to build a makeshift raft out of tree trunks. But it wasn't worth the effort. After floating down the river for an hour or so, Omar's guerrillas capture you again. Go to 20.

34 Your sigh of relief that Goofy isn't on the roller coaster turns into a gasp of horror when you look down and see him pressing some buttons in the Matterhorn's computerized ride-control booth. When you look up, another car is bearing down on you at 50 m.p.h. When it hits, you fly from Fantasyland to Bye-Bye Land. [18]

35 You cross the bridge to the opposite bank and, several miles later, stumble upon a stone pyramid. You walk into its interior and collapse on the smooth floor of a small chamber, falling into a deep sleep beside an altar.

You awake surrounded by what looks like stone-age tribesmen. Apparently they think you are a god. That night the tribe holds a wild party in their village to celebrate your arrival. As you eat some tasty but unidentifiable animal, the chief of the village bows to you and points

to his two daughters. Through sign language he makes it clear he is offering them to you in marriage. You figure it would be unwise to turn down the gift.

If you pick Miyumbo, the good-looking daughter, go to 22.

If you pick Kababa, the homely daughter, go to 43.

If you pick both of them, go to 6.

36 You huddle for warmth with the dogs, and this saves your lives. The storm and white out are mercifully brief. Moving forward, you see oil rigs in the distance. You halt the team and go on foot. Standing before the towers, you wonder what Noah is up to. A few minutes later, you get to ask him personally—because you’ve been captured by his guards. A hatch in the ice leads to an underground nuclear reactor. Noah, sitting in its control center, laughs fiendishly at your predicament. “Here’s your story, Beam: I am about to produce nuclear meltdowns here and in several other sites in Antarctica and on arctic glaciers. This will melt most of the polar ice caps, which in turn will raise the level of the oceans, causing flooding along many coastlines. Why? It’s simple: When the oceans move inland, they will create new oceanfront property, much of which I now own. I will have a monopoly on all the condos and hotels overlooking all the prime, newly created beaches in the world. There’s no telling how great my profits will be.” “Can I quote you on that?” you say with false bravado. Noah smiles. “Be my guest, Beam, for while we helicopter to Argentina, you shall view the meltdown from a front row seat. Don’t bother trying to escape, you won’t get far enough away to survive the clouds of radioactive steam.”

After starting the draining process in the coolant system, Noah and his cohorts helicopter away, leaving you alone in the control room. In a short while, the nuclear rods will get so hot they will melt through the reactor’s concrete floor and into the ice, roasting you in the process. Time is running out.

If you destroy the controls in hopes this will stop the meltdown, go to 41.

If you flee in the hope that you can escape the radiation cloud, go to 13.

37 Goofy is blasting away at you from the front seat of the boat following you. Jumping ship, you hide in the middle of a tableau of animatronic pirates raiding a town. When Goofy follows you ashore, you knock the gun from his hand with a sword borrowed from a grinning robot pirate, then shoulder him into the water. Before Goofy can recover, you climb up an emergency ladder that leads to street level. Who says the pen is mightier than the sword?

Back in Pasadena, you realize that if you stay in town another day, Noah will find a way to eliminate you. Better to fly to South America to follow the only lead you’ve got. A day later you land in Asunción, the capital of Paraguay. But it seems like a wasted trip: The local *Times-Examiner* stringer has never heard of Operation Asunción. Wondering what to do next, you walk the hot, narrow streets, until a passing parade crowds you into an ornate Spanish-style church. In the hushed darkness you make out a single figure praying in a back pew. He crosses himself and gets up to leave. When he steps into the light you see that his face is badly burned and disfigured. He comes up to you and says, “I can tell you are *norteamericano*. Are there doctors in your country who can help me?” You ask what happened to him. “I work in a plant in the jungles of San Pobles. My bosses are mean and did not tell me I would get this way from my job. So I run away.” Just then, a man dressed in rags comes up to you: “Señor, I have something you may want. I will sell it cheap. But you must come with

me right now or the deal is off.”

If you go with the raggedy man, thinking he might have valuable information, go to 23.

If you play a hunch and go with the burned man, go to 27.

38 The bitter winds are unbearable. The dogs valiantly pull you on, but they don’t see what’s ahead. You and the team plunge into a crevasse. Two years later, Russian scientists discover your perfectly preserved body. [5]

39 “Twenty bucks!” he says with a sneer. “You think I’d break the law for that kind of chump change?” He picks up the phone and calls the security cop downstairs. You are arrested and booked for attempting to bribe a public official. Eventually, you are convicted and given a light prison sentence, and while serving it you learn a new trade. [32]

40 You are thrown into the back seat of the limo. A man with a French accent says, “A leetle advice, my friend. Return to New York and drop zis story *toute de suite* or the next time we will pick you up in a hearse instead of a limo.” After dropping a few more unveiled threats, they leave you at the airport.

By now you’ve missed your flight, so you take the next plane to Nice, via Paris. Those guys don’t scare you. Well, maybe a little. Anyway, you’re too curious to stop your investigation. The next morning, you’re sitting at a café on the Promenade des Anglais, in Nice, reading the local paper. A story catches your eye: Residents of the nearby town of St. Albes are up in arms over the construction there of resort hotels. The article implies that an unknown company has resorted to bribery and even strong-arm tactics to acquire the land. You decide to check this lead.

You rent a car and drive the seven miles to St. Albes. It’s a sleepy town with few tourists, yet huge tracts of fenced-in land are swarming with construction workers. The guard at the construction site won’t let you enter, so you head for a bar in town. Inside, a few tough-looking Frenchmen are drinking Pernod. Suddenly, two men start quarreling. One pulls a knife and stalks the other, who has no weapon.

If you mind your own business, go to 17.

If you are a good samaritan and help the man without the knife, go to 8.

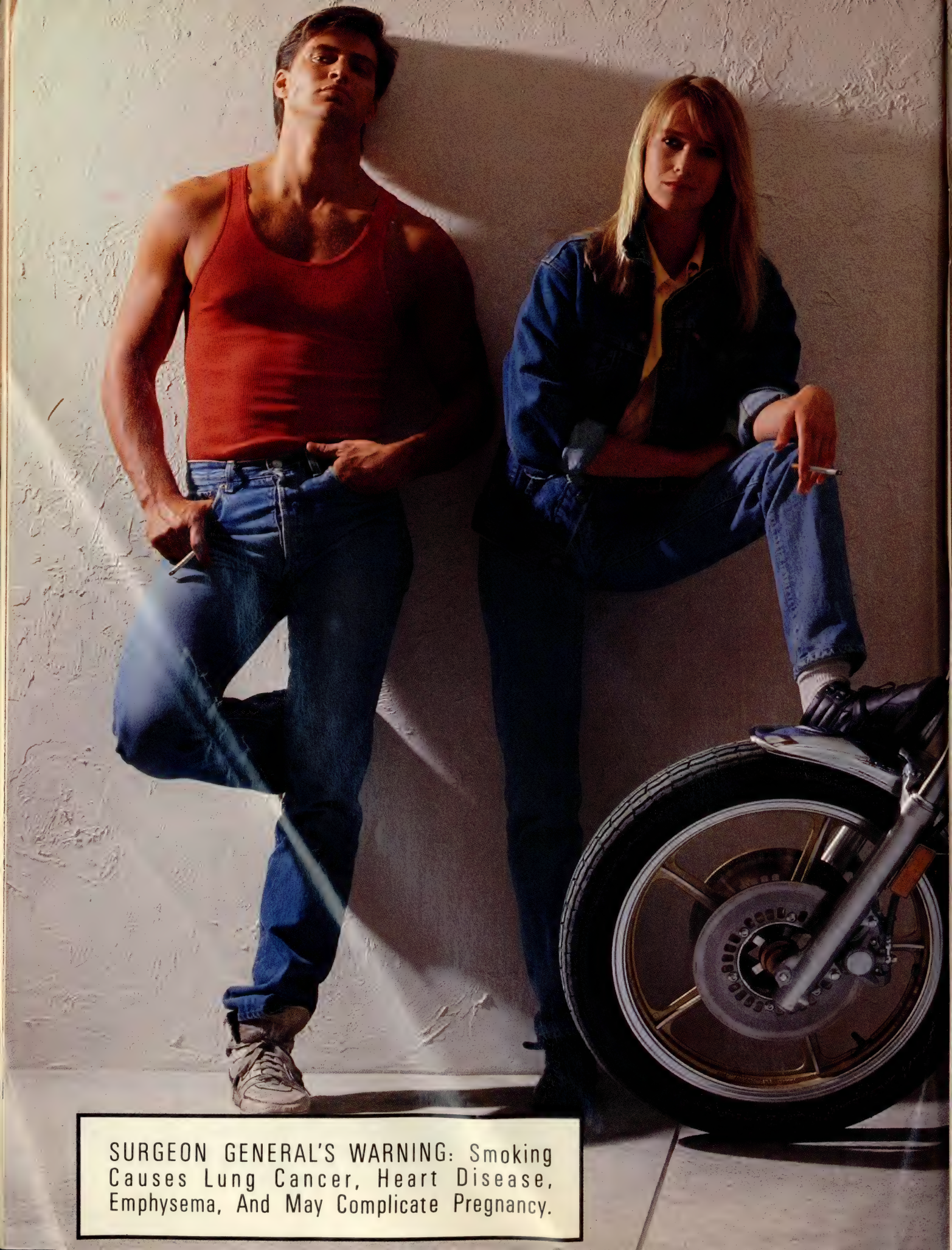
41 You turn every dial, push every lever. When that accomplishes nothing, you pick up a crowbar and start smashing the control panel. That always works for James Bond, but it doesn’t work for you. You aren’t around to witness Noah’s triumph, which brings misery to nearly everyone except the stockholders of Noah Enterprises. [36]

42 You rub the bananas over your bindings. Chattering monkeys drop out of the trees and, as they eagerly eat the food, bite through the rope. Soon it’s frayed enough so you can tear it off, undo the ropes on your legs, and tiptoe past the guards and into the jungle. You wander for days, driven by your quest, wondering deliriously who Prince Olav is. You encounter a river with a crude bridge.

If you try to build a raft to float down the river, go to 33.

If you cross the bridge to look for the people who made it, go to 35.

43 Two days after you marry Kababa, Miyumbo, in a fit of jealousy, pushes you into a jaguar trap, impaling you on the spears. Since gods cannot die, reasons the chief, clearly you were not a god. [35]

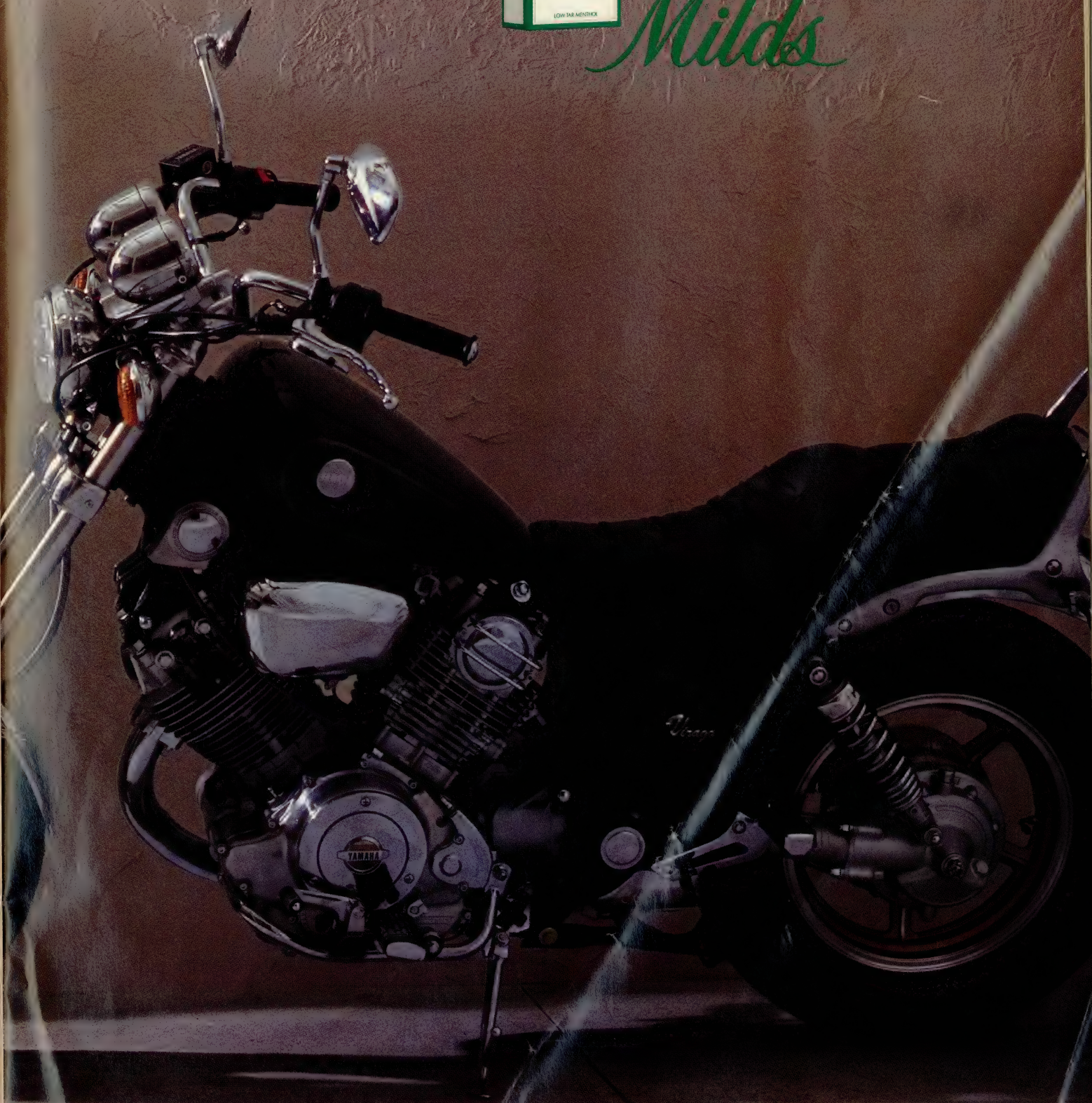


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Murder in Miniature

Who Was the Dastard in the Dahl House?

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Story by Mary Ellen Slate
Doll House Construction by Thomas Cathey,
Patricia Wynne, and Donald Silver



On the bank of a rivulet outside Little Rock stands the Dahl House, only five feet tall, but every inch a Victorian mansion. The house was built by Van-nevar "Van" Dahl, the microchip magnate.

His widow, Margaret "Midge" Dahl, was public-spirited, generous, and domineering: She had founded and financed the Little Rock Hobbyist League, and had elected herself permanent president. Every year, at a "Victorian" Christmas weekend in the Dahl House, each member would display the best of his "finds" from the previous year, while Midge would humiliate one or more of them by having acquired something better. (Each member had two or more hobbies, but Midge collected everything.)

On occasions past, when the gemologist had found a rare garnet geode, Midge displayed a shard from the cleaving of the famous Ruby of Omar Khayyam. When the entomologist brought aphids from the White House Rose Garden, Midge produced defunct ants from NASA's failed "ant farm in space" experiment. When the fingerprint collector picked up Bob Dylan's pinkie from a guitar pick, Midge countered with what was purportedly the print of the top half of Abraham Lincoln's left thumb picked up from an ax handle unearthed in Illinois. What Midge didn't

know, however, was how covetously the others regarded her acquisitions in their fields.

▲ Midge took off her lace shawl—a doily that had belonged to an aunt of Chester Alan Arthur—and greeted her guests: "Welcome and Merry Christmas. This year I have two things to show you. I'm sure you all remember what Bitsy Ross brought last year—the tack head engraved with the entire roster of the New York Mets. I wouldn't want to call Bitsy's find tacky, but I would like you all to look at the head of this pin: It is engraved with likenesses of Fergie and Andrew, the Boy Scout pledge, and a recipe for brownies. And in my left hand is a hair from Bucephalus, my darling Alexander's darling horse."

This touched on Midge's one real passion. For years she had been immersed in a love affair with Alexander the Great. She had collected a small bronze bust, dug up near the Euphrates River; a gold coin from the fourth year of his reign, a scarab "liberated" on his Egyptian campaign; and a pair of pearls, gift of an Indian mogul.

"And now," Midge concluded, "you had better get to work setting up your exhibits and then meet me in the dining room for our traditional 'Mini-Movie-Meal.'"

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◀ Ty Nieman set up his newly acquired fingerprints, including one from Henry Kissinger's chauffeur and one from Merv Griffin. "I love collecting prints," he said to Midge, who was supervising. "It's open-ended and there are no duplicates." Ty is an investment banker and part-time ballroom dance instructor who also collects stamps.

At Midge's left, Vera Petit laid out the year's entomological bug bag. Vera, a lawyer in small-claims court, is also a mycologist whose book, *Fun with Fungi*, enjoyed a minor success.

▶ Paul Small, a police detective, had brought some of his new military insignias. Paul, as well as being a military historian, is a numismatist and collects antique lace.

At center, Minnie Atcher showed one of the shells she dived for in the Red Sea. Minnie also collects fine feathers and is a test pilot by trade.

Having set up her rockhound gleanings from a field trip to New Paltz, New York, Bitsy Ross sat moodily on the sofa, still smarting from Midge's putdown in her other collecting interest, tiny engravings. Bitsy Ross is, naturally, a seamstress.



◀ Midge indicated the tray of beans held by Jill Shortz, the maid. "Last year you will remember that our Mini-Movie-Meal featured the Mae West Peeled Grape dessert. This year we start off with the Mickey Bean. Please cut it as carefully as the star mouse did in *Mickey and the Beanstalk*.

"Then, since we are running a little late, I suggest that directly after dinner, we all retire, to be ready for a big day of exhibits and lectures tomorrow."





5 A short time later, screams from the study brought the club members from their bedrooms. Jill Shortz was bending over her mistress, whom she had just found dead. Ironically, Midge's head had been smashed by her treasured bust of Alexander the Great.

6 The guests took the near-hysterical Jill Shortz to the kitchen where she showed why she had gone to the study.

"Madam was particular about not wasting the electric. This board shows where lights are turned on, and I'm supposed to ... well, I saw where the study light was

on, so I went up there and ..."

"It must have been a burglar," Bitsy said, "although the gold Alexander coin is still there." She paused and gasped. "Midge's jewels!"

They all remembered the fortune in Alexandrian artifacts in Midge's bedroom.

7 "No burglary here," Ty Nieman said. "It must have been some kind of ghastly accident where she stumbled against the breakfront and dislodged the bust." He picked up a holly berry. "At least we found out why Midge was in the study: She must

have been doing some last minute Christmas decorating."

"We've got to call the police," Minnie Atcher said, looking sternly at Ty, "and not touch anything. We've fooled around long enough already."



8 As they awaited the arrival of the police, Paul Small addressed his fellow hobbyists.

"Obviously, what I'm going to say is not official, since I'm as much of a suspect as the rest of you. None of us really liked Midge, we all had the oppor-

tunity to murder her, and each one of us was alone so no one had an alibi.

"However, I am a trained observer and there are two things that lead me to believe that I know not only who did it, but also why."

ANSWER, PAGE 55



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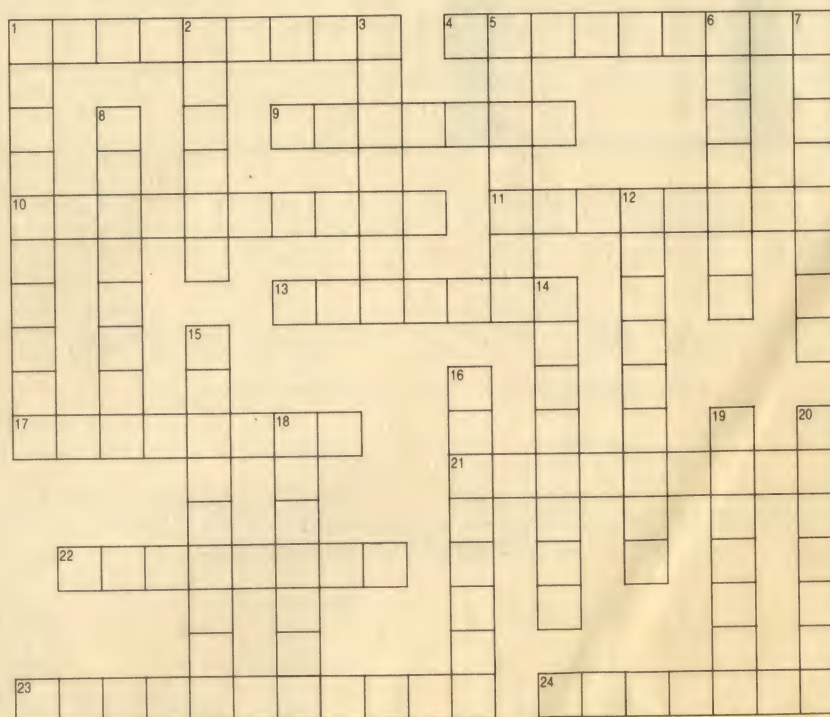
FOUR-MID-ABLE ★★

BY BERNIE COSELL

Each clue in the crossword below consists of four consecutive letters appearing somewhere within the answer. For example, given the clue IRAF (7), you would answer GIRAFFE. Each answer is a single word; the number in parentheses indicates its length.

A computer search has determined that only one common, uncapitalized answer exists for each clue (except for other forms of the word, such as plurals). Many of the letter combinations, however, are tricky—getting them all will take four-sight and four-titude.

ANSWER, PAGE 58



ACROSS

- 1. IPAS (9)
- 4. PHAZ (9)
- 9. THTU (7)
- 10. MEOG (10)
- 11. USEO (8)
- 13. SGUS (7)
- 17. GOMA (8)
- 21. HOCO (9)
- 22. VEAU (8)
- 23. ULIF (11)

- 24. ULEL (7)

DOWN

- 1. OMOB (10)
- 2. IGEO (6)

- 3. TOPU (7)
- 5. UMNU (7)
- 6. WESO (7)
- 7. NOSA (8)
- 8. BRER (8)
- 12. XOPH (9)
- 14. BOJE (8)
- 15. AGHE (9)
- 16. UCUM (8)
- 18. KWEL (7)
- 19. AILU (7)
- 20. ETTU (7)

A Plumbing Word Search

As the plumber might say, if a leaky spigot doesn't close, don't faucet. The same might be said for a pun that doesn't quite work—but we've never let that stop us! The puzzle is to find the 36 plumbing terms listed at the bottom of the page in

the letters of the leaky faucet below. Each reads horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, but always in a straight line. We think you'll find solving a lead-pipe cinch; but if not, you'll find all the answers on tap on page 60.

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CLAMP

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FIXTURES

FLANGES

FLARE FITTING

FLOW PIPE

FLUSH PIPE

FLUX

JOINT-SEALING TAPE

PIPE CUTTERS

PIPE TAP

PIPE THREADER

PIPE WRENCH

PLIERS

PLUNGER

PROPANE TORCH

RADIATOR

REAMER

RELIEF VALVE

ROUTER

SCREWDRIVER

F F I R T
S P E

SHUTOFF VALVE

SLIP NUTS

SNAKE

SOLDERING IRON

SPANNER

SPIGOT

STOPPER

TOILET

TRAP

WASHERS

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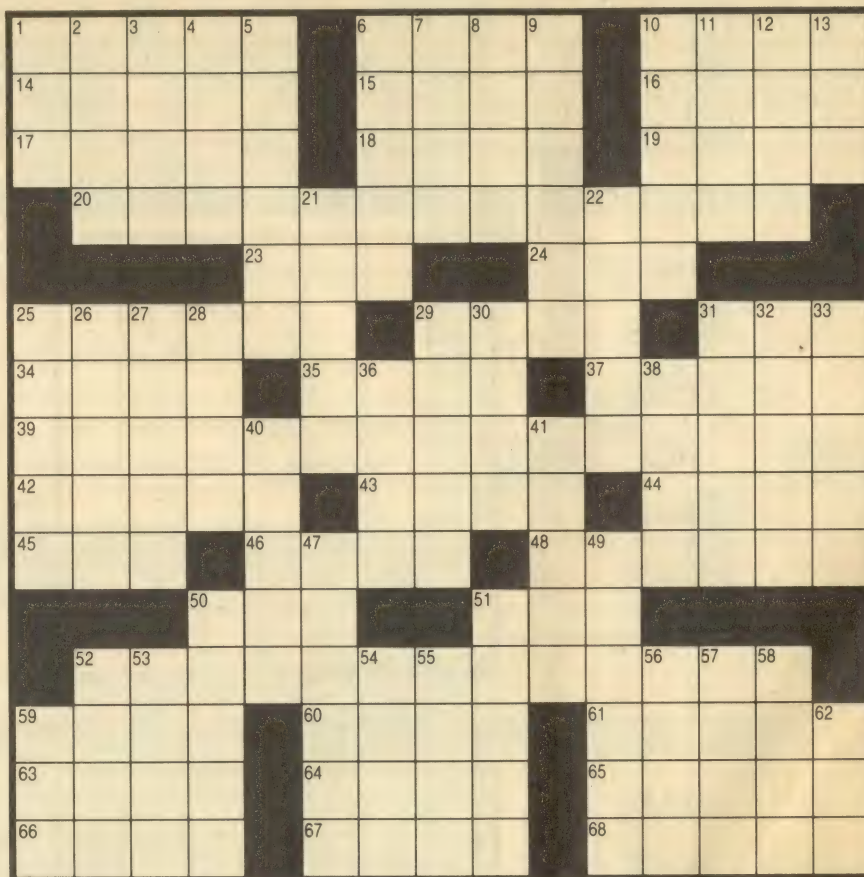
ACROSS

- 1 Sir's opposite
- 6 ____ and Sciences
- 10 Murder
- 14 All by oneself
- 15 Harvest
- 16 Bees' home
- 17 Spaghetti or linguini
- 18 Actor Richard of *American Gigolo*
- 19 Sign from the gods
- 20 1793-94 period in France: 3 wds.
- 23 Young Reagan
- 24 ____-o'-nine-tails
- 25 Spillane's Mike
- 29 Pale
- 31 "... Have you ____ wool?"
- 34 Jai ____
- 35 Common street name
- 37 Spooky
- 39 Pour: 4 wds.
- 42 Banks or Ford
- 43 Gold medal winner Korb
- 44 Phrase of comprehension: 2 wds.
- 45 French title: Abbr.
- 46 A "proper" thing for one to have
- 48 Serves food for a party
- 50 CIA predecessor: Abbr.
- 51 ____ Lanka
- 52 Allows to act without restraint: 3 wds.

- 59 Stash away
- 60 Opposite of aweather
- 61 Bogs (down)
- 63 Cause for air freshener
- 64 12 months
- 65 Regions
- 66 Bombard, as with snowballs
- 67 Snead and Spade
- 68 Where eggs are hatched

DOWN

- 1 Atlas feature
- 2 Winged
- 3 Medicinal amount
- 4 Against, politically
- 5 Inadequate, in London
- 6 Gas for vacuum tubes
- 7 Sailors' hazard
- 8 Miniature pie
- 9 Address
- 10 Knee-high to a grasshopper
- 11 VIP auto service
- 12 Swear to be true
- 13 Money in Japan
- 21 Sally Field film ____ *Rae*
- 22 Emitted, as light
- 25 Sheik's wives, collectively
- 26 Fire warning
- 27 Where Augusta is
- 28 '60s skirt
- 29 Theater passageway
- 30 Start of a hosiery problem



ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 31 Came up
- 32 Country south of Algeria
- 33 Affirmative votes
- 36 The "A" in A-bomb
- 38 Prepare for publication
- 40 Perfume, in a way
- 41 Mother-of-pearl
- 47 Ore examinations
- 49 USAF member
- 50 Apparent
- 51 Prophets
- 52 French novelist André
- 53 Hero
- 54 Fido's annoyance
- 55 Paper quantity
- 56 Ireland
- 57 Angers
- 58 In apple pie order
- 59 Sock ____ ('50s high school event)
- 62 Draft organization: Abbr.

ON THE B & O ★

BY ANDREA CARLA MICHAELS

The answer to each clue below is a word or name ending with the letters B and O. For example, the clue "Unusually large" would lead to the answer JUMBO, while "First name of

The Hobbit" would be BILBO. Getting 10 or more answers shows you're on the right track; all 14 demonstrates a remarkable train of thought.

ANSWERS, PAGE 56

1. 1985 Stallone action flick _____
2. Engine charger _____
3. Small jazz group _____
4. "I want to be alone" actress _____
5. Disney elephant _____
6. Vagabond _____
7. Peter Falk TV role _____
8. Okra soup _____
9. Bandstand-like pavilion _____
10. Place of oblivion _____
11. Drugless pill _____
12. With hands on hips _____
13. Ballroom dance of Cuban origin _____
14. Timber wolf _____

Rearrange the letters of each word on the left below, and add two or three letters in the middle, to form a seven-letter word answering the clue on the right. The words on the left are the outside letters, or "bread," of the seven-letter "sandwich." The letters you add are the "filler" and will appear consecutively in the circled squares inside. For example, given the

word ASTER and the clue "Weird," you would answer STRANGE, with the letters NG appearing in circles. Note: In puzzle #3, determining which squares should have circles is left to you. When a puzzle is completed, read the circled letters in order, line by line, to spell a daffynition of the puzzle's title.

ANSWERS, PAGE 55

1. PULLMAN TICKET

MARCH

WAYS

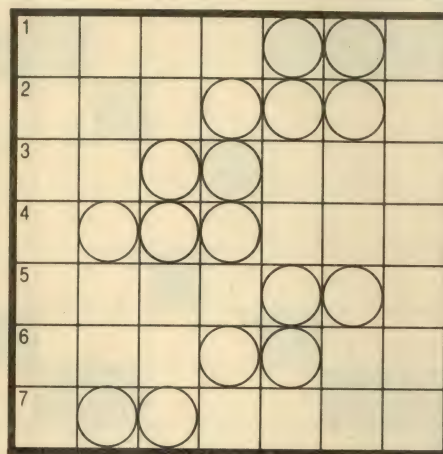
LINES

LACE

CRAFT

COVEN

DRAWS



Formal room

Dark-complected

Driving or fishing permit

A, an, or the

Rush-hour bother

Curving inward

Kitchen chief

2. JOGGING MANUAL

DELTS

VOICE

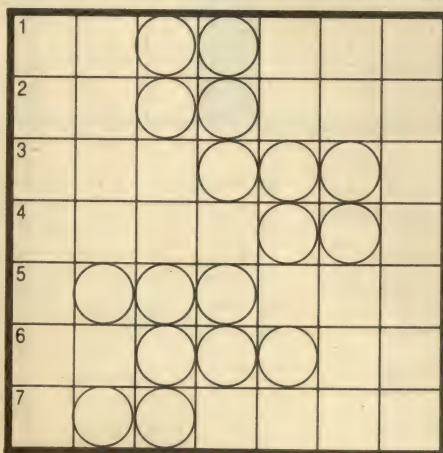
RYES

TAPIR

SINE

GIVE

TALCS



German pastry

Plan, in an underhanded way

Doctor's needle

Brandy flavor

Gigantic

Important wine data

Fine glassware

3. RECTANGLE

WELT

PASTA

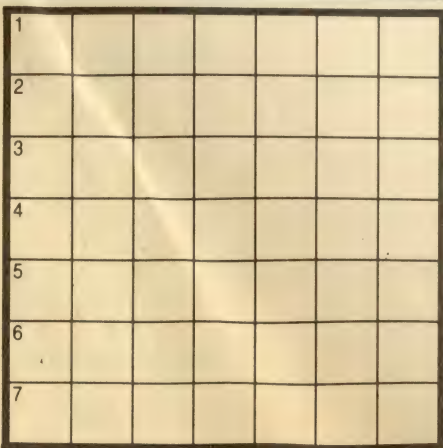
COUPS

USER

TYRE

BLOKE

PERE



Engage Hulk Hogan in a fight

Cooking implement

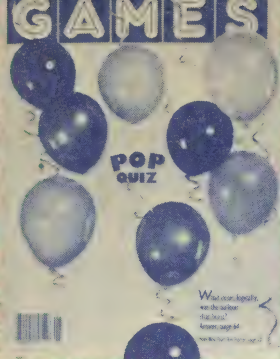
One who's armed and dangerous?

Come up, as a submarine

San Francisco sight

The Washington Monument, e.g.

Western settler



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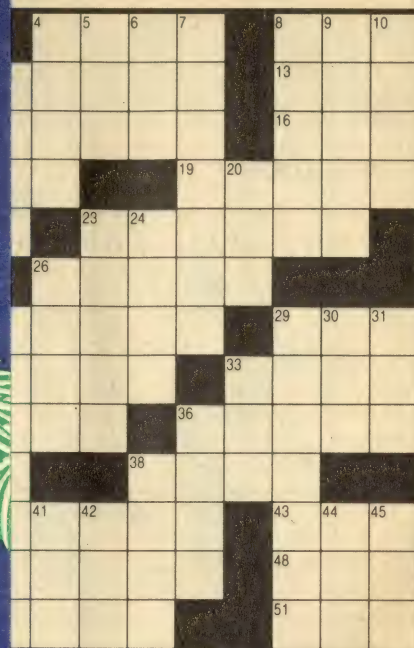
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ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 1 Kenyan secret society 44 I love, to a Latin lover?
 2 Old U.S. defense system 45 Role in "The Mikado"

BY STEPHEN SNIDERMAN

ward to discover the name braided in
 h word in a set will contain at least one
 me and at least one from the last.
 o time yourself on this puzzle, allow 20
 many lines as you can. Ratings appear

ANSWERS, PAGE 55

ANS _____

AR _____

EL _____

5. FAST ARE DIRE _____ 15. DEW BRING EAR _____

6. SAG PINE ROW _____ 16. HAG OWL DINE _____

7. PARD TOLL YON _____ 17. POET TOE ROLE _____

8. GRAB HILL YAM _____ 18. MANOR MILE RAN _____

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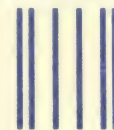
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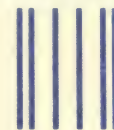
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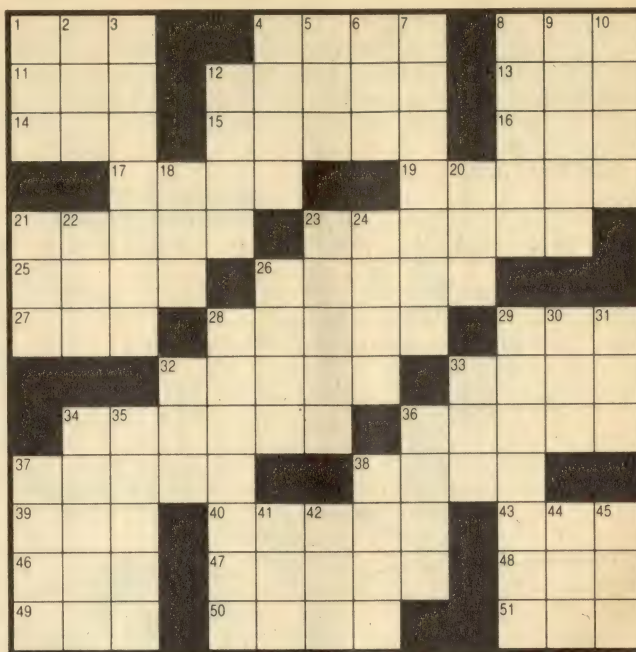
BASED ON A PUZZLE BY RAYMOND HOWELL

ACROSS

- 1 Peter Jennings's network
- 4 Flashlight's light
- 8 Part of an Arthur Murray course
- 11 Goof
- 12 City in Washington
- 13 Alliance for Progress's grp.
- 14 Monogram for Mr. Nolte
- 15 Lagoon
- 16 Farewell
- 17 Penitentiary on the Hudson
- 19 Burnt or raw shade
- 21 Part of a strip show
- 23 Compulsion
- 25 Religious faction
- 26 Was absorbed in thought
- 27 Lodge member
- 28 Was concerned
- 29 Parisian dance
- 32 Northern bear
- 33 South Seas capital
- 34 Navy officers
- 36 "Over the Rainbow" composer
- 37 Former New York mayor
- 38 ____ En-Lai
- 39 Chang's Siamese twin
- 40 Truckers' "Big O"
- 43 "Merry" month
- 46 66 or 1, e.g.: Abbr.
- 47 Natterer, to Agnew
- 48 Flightless bird
- 49 Suffix with cash or court
- 50 Japanese wrestling
- 51 Drum heard at a powwow
- 7 Became payable, as a bond
- 8 Lee J. and Ty
- 9 Grant's successor
- 10 New Testament tribe
- 12 Partner of women and song
- 18 Ending for final or panel
- 20 Kind of school, for short
- 21 African menace
- 22 It gives fishermen a charge
- 23 "Hungry Like the Wolf" group
- 24 Computer operator
- 26 Masculine
- 28 Inducements
- 29 Peace pipe
- 30 It precedes beauty
- 31 ____ sequitur
- 32 Cheerleader's need
- 33 Seasoned sportsman
- 34 Fiddler on the Roof matchmaker

DOWN

- 1 "Honest" president
- 2 Chocolate-covered candy
- 3 Russian cavalryman
- 4 In rapid-fire style
- 5 Right-angled pipe
- 6 Mug "shot"



ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 35 Raring to go
- 36 Melville captain
- 37 Tropical disease
- 38 Toy train
- 41 Kenyan secret society
- 42 Old U.S. defense system
- 44 I love, to a Latin lover?
- 45 Role in "The Mikado"

NAME BRAIDS ★★

BY STEPHEN SNIDERMAN

Each of the numbered sets of words below contains the braided name of a famous person, past or present. To make a braid, we took the first and last names of the person and, keeping the letters in each name in proper left-to-right order, interwove them to form a set of words. Thus, SOPHIA LOREN could be woven into the words SLOOP HIRE AN (SLOOP HIRE AN).

Can you work backward to discover the name braided in each line below? Each word in a set will contain at least one letter from the first name and at least one from the last.

Note: If you'd like to time yourself on this puzzle, allow 20 minutes to solve as many lines as you can. Ratings appear with the answers.

ANSWERS, PAGE 55

1. MAP OR LOCO _____
2. CHOW OARS DELL _____
3. DEARS NAZI _____
4. MAT WAR INK _____
5. FAST ARE DIRE _____
6. SAG PINE ROW _____
7. PARD TOLL YON _____
8. GRAB HILL YAM _____
9. REPAVE RULE _____
10. BEG NO NOD MANY _____
11. EDIT SHOO MANS _____
12. GIRL ADD NEAR _____
13. DAB ONION EEL _____
14. VIGOR DALE _____
15. DEW BRING EAR _____
16. HAG OWL DINE _____
17. POET TOE ROLE _____
18. MANOR MILE RAN _____
19. WILT LIEN NAMES SEES _____
20. NAB POOL NAPE OAR TEN _____

Below are seven messages—consisting of pithy sayings, fascinating facts, and a cartoon gag—that have been translated into simple cipher alphabets. Letter substitutions remain constant throughout any one cipher, but change from one cipher

to the next, and the level of difficulty increases as you progress. An asterisk (*) indicates a proper noun.

Clues are given at the bottom of the page to provide assistance if you need it.

ANSWERS, PAGE 56

1. CRYPTOON

RVNN, MZL KHPPVU DWV
VJKNZMVV UTLO DVPD, ALD
S PDSNN DWSCY MZL TV
UTSCYSCO XHT DZZ JLIW
IZXXVV.



2. RAVE REVIEW

KGQ KP FU YEMQP IQNIQCJ
OWIMGN FU UQXIJ MG CEQ
CEQXCQI MJ CEXC M
YKWAOG'C JMC MG CEQ
XWOMQGYQ XGO RXCYE FQ.
— *DKEG *ZXIIUFKIQ

3. SHEEPISH?

*KHOB UHW H CFZZCD CHKY—
RUFPU XMZ UDO H CMZ MQ
WFOZB CMMTG QOMK UDO
LDXDZHOFHJ QOFDJWG.

4. WELL-DONE!

AIV ANMFV'Y ABDEVL ZE
SIZEX GVLUBG QIVE IULLVE
ANSV SFNXVD UY DVRVNFVL
MX ABDEUEK ANMFV ZRVD.

5. ALL IN THE FAMILY

JPPHKFLHTN CJRY VJTM
VQNLJPX PHQNLTN, JVHTS
ZCYV PHTPYKZLTJN,
VYXXHGCHTYN, JTF
NDQYYWYUHBYN.

6. GOOD EXCUSE

CRADLE BVMK DAJ ZGTLF
DVHL WRJQAL QRCVLF,
BVMKWEGBF DERZ ZGMXK—
XRZYAGVPF RD DLLAVPC
GQRHL YGE.

7. BAD CASE

LNNT MTNC UDVX BJ
DPFNCVTY FNMR,
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LVTXNJSNT UTZY MNXXBJM
VQNV.

TIPS AND CLUES

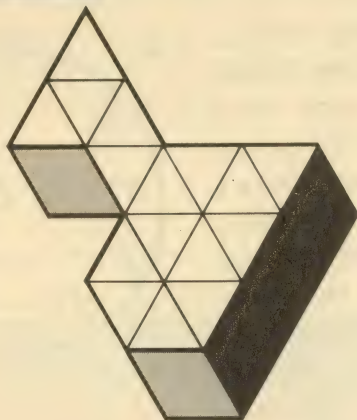
Cipher 1: Compare ciphertext MZL and MZL TV. Try you and you're.
Cipher 2: Ciphertext pattern CEXC, with its repeated first and last letter, is likely to represent THAT.
Cipher 3: Only a few common words have ciphertext pattern CFZZCD. Your best bet is LITTLE.
Cipher 4: Ciphertext V, appearing 13 times, is a good bet to be E.
Cipher 5: A three-letter word after a series of commas is often AND.
Cipher 6: Compare ciphertext RD and DERZ. Try OF and FROM.
Cipher 7: The five vowels, A, E, I, O, and U, are represented by B, N, P, V, and Z, though not necessarily in that order.

Each illustration below represents an animal cracker that a friend wants to break in half and share with you. Can you divide each shape into two identical pieces by making a single cut along the lines of the grid? The two pieces may be rotated but not reflected (as in a mirror image) to look alike.

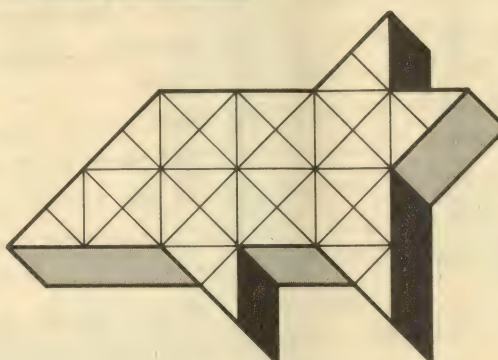
Ignore the shaded three-dimensional sides, which appear only for artistic effect. Solving hint: Study the irregularities of the borders of the crackers and see if you can determine where they can be duplicated inside. The puzzles get harder as you go.

ANSWERS, PAGE 60

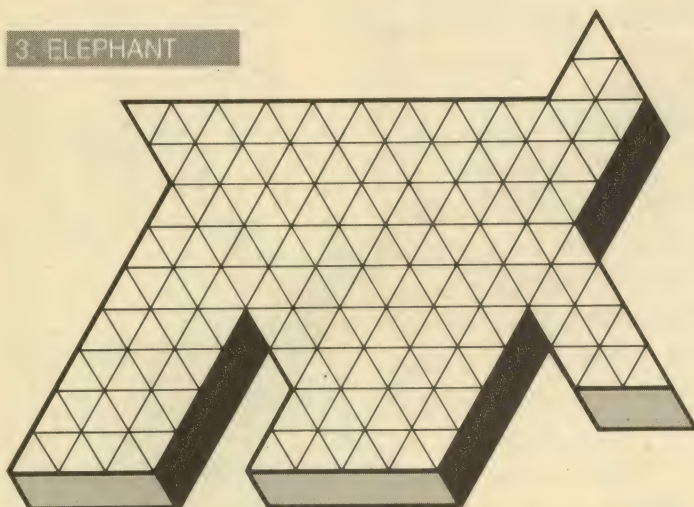
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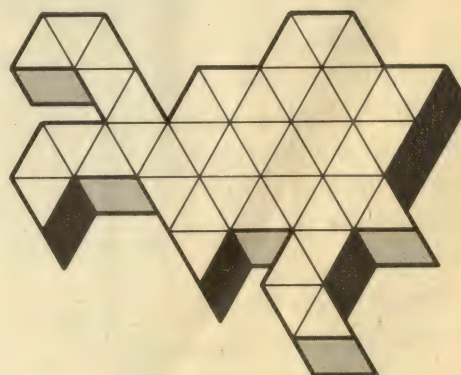
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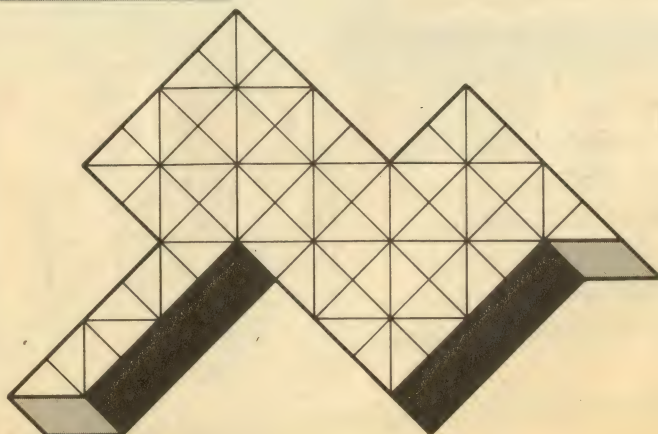
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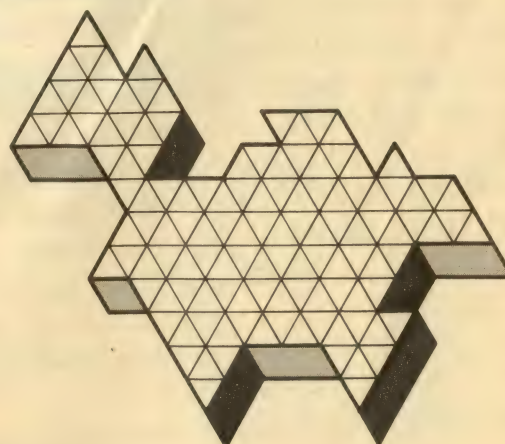
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6. CAMEL



CAN YOU THINK UNDER PRESSURE? ★☆

BY SCOTT MARLEY

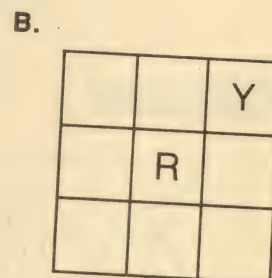
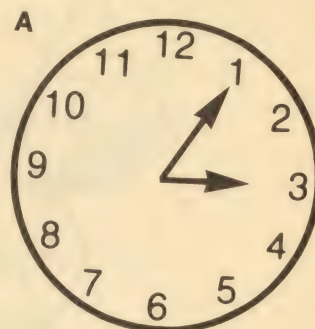
This test measures your ability to follow directions and think clearly under pressure. Switchboard operators and air traffic controllers may have a slight advantage. You have exactly 15 minutes to read and answer the following questions. Have a

pencil ready and a clock or stopwatch handy to time yourself. When the 15 minutes are up, stop working, whether or not you're finished.

On your mark, get set, go!

ANSWERS, PAGE 55

Cross out the twenty-third letter in this sentence, not counting T's. Then circle the tenth letter in this sentence, counting only T's. If you thought that was easy, write EASY here _____. Otherwise, spell YSAE backward in the preceding space. In the diagram at right ("A"), circle the number the minute hand will point to 35 minutes from now. Draw a square around the number that the minute hand will point to an hour and a half after that. Cross out the number that the hour hand will point to 50 minutes still later. Name a city in the United States that starts with O. _____ Think of a digit and double it. Add six and double the result. Add your original number again and double the result. Take off the last digit and subtract your original number. Write your final result here _____. In the grid at right ("B"), write a T two squares below the Y, unless there are not two T's in "tutu," in which case write a U instead. Write a D two squares below the square two squares to the left of the Y. Write a P two squares above the square below the square diagonally adjacent to the D. Then finish filling in the grid so that all nine squares contain a different letter, and six common words are formed across and down. Draw a wavy line under the largest of the following: a baker's dozen plus half a dozen; the number of musicians in three trios and two quartets; the total number of legs of two spiders and an elephant. Name three four-letter chemical elements, unless mercury is not a gas at room temperature, in which case name two four-letter elements and a dairy product. _____ When spelled out, which of the numbers from 1 to 20 is last alphabetically? _____ Cross out the longest and shortest words in this sentence, but if there is a tie for longest, cross out the word containing the most E's instead. In the calendar at right ("C"), cross out the first Friday, the last Tuesday before the fourth Saturday, and the third Wednesday after the last Thursday before the second Monday. Don't cross out the second Sunday after the second Friday, unless that's the 26th. Ignore this sentence when considering the next sentence. Ignore the next sentence, too, unless the previous sentence does not begin with a consonant. How many vowels are there, if you count Y as a vowel and I as a consonant? _____ Complete the magic square at right ("D") so that each square contains a different number from 1 to 16, and the four numbers in each row, column, and long diagonal add up to 34. Name three sports that don't use a ball. _____ Now write KENNEDY here _____, unless this is the last sentence, in which case just write every second letter of KENNEDY.

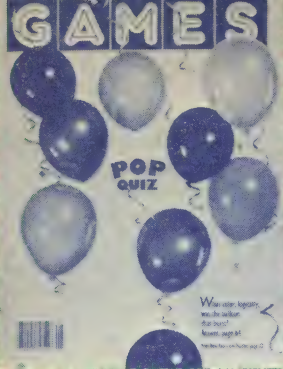


C.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

D.

4		15	
	12	7	
11			8
	3	10	



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...a system that will neatly pair the
tower gifts. To start, we'll tell you
...esses. Can you figure out the rule
...assign the other 11 gifts? Hint:
...ing to do with the answers.

ANSWER, PAGE 55



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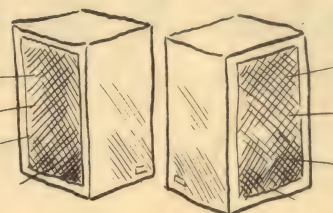
Harold



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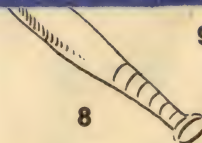
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Write the number of the numbers from 1 to 20 is the longest and shortest words in the sentence. Cross out the word containing the letter "C" at right ("C"), cross out the first letter of the fourth Saturday, and the third V of the second Monday. Don't cross out the word Friday, unless that's the 26th. Ignore the next sentence. Ignore the next sentence.

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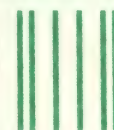
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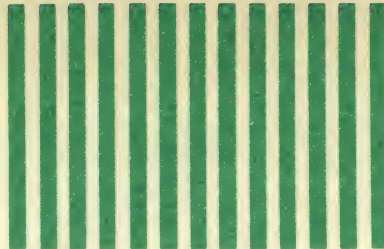


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TWELVE BRATS OF CHRISTMAS ★★

BY ROBERT LEIGHTON

One of the drawbacks of being Santa Claus is that you have to bring gifts to kids who are technically "good" but still basically unpleasant. As a rule, these kids don't get the gifts they ask for. Instead, Santa goes through his leftovers and pulls out something he couldn't get rid of last year.

By coincidence, Santa has a system that will neatly pair the 12 kids below with the 12 leftover gifts. To start, we'll tell you that Roz gets the theater passes. Can you figure out the rule behind Santa's system and assign the other 11 gifts? Hint: The kids' names have nothing to do with the answers.

ANSWER, PAGE 55



Roz



Beth



Morton



Shelby



Louise



Lance



Dave



Wallace



Sue



Nancy



Buddy



Harold



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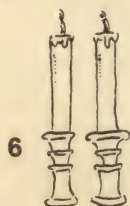
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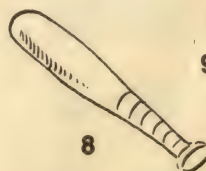
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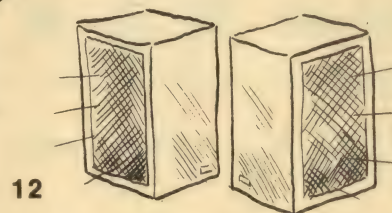
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words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you are done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the author's name and the source of the quotation.

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1V	2K	3X	4E	5M		6I	7W		8O	9H	10C	11S	12D	13F	14V	15W	16R		17H	18C	19M	20V	21E
22D	23A	24F	25T	26R	27O	28G	29Q		30H	31S	32D	33O	34J	35F	36V	37W	38C		39L	40T	41S	42W	43O
	44V	45F		46J	47L	48N	49C	50H	51E	52D	53F	54M		55T	56U	57G	58O	59C	60F	61I	62B		63O
64W		65H	66D	67A	68E	69J		70K	71F	72D		73X	74U	75M	76T	77N	78V	79K	80O	81B	82X	83F	84D
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143U		144W	145Q		146L		147X	148E	149H	150M	151N		152S	153F	154E	155L		156J	157V		158U	159P	160O
161A		162D	163N	164B	165C	166J	167U		168G	169P		170N	171L	172H	173I		174F	175V	176O	177E	178I		179S
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|-----------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| A. | Vice President under Nixon | 23 | 67 | 89 | 109 | 161 | | | |
| B. | To be transferred, as a responsibility | 62 | 120 | 81 | 103 | 187 | 164 | 115 | |
| C. | Makes the most of | 10 | 49 | 18 | 165 | 112 | 139 | 59 | 38 86 |
| D. | Stocks, bonds, real estate, etc. | 66 | 182 | 22 | 113 | 32 | 12 | 162 | 84 104
52 72 |
| E. | Author of <i>Silent Spring</i> (2 wds.) | 4 | 21 | 51 | 68 | 96 | 154 | 177 | 132 116
125 148 140 |
| F. | Western end of the Khyber Pass | 153 | 174 | 24 | 13 | 107 | 83 | 53 | 35 71
60 45 |
| G. | Bob Dylan tune of 1965 (with "H") (2 wds.) | 28 | 57 | 189 | 119 | 168 | | | |
| H. | See "G" (2 wds.) | 50 | 111 | 149 | 172 | 30 | 65 | 186 | 98 121
9 90 17 |
| I. | 1984 William Kennedy Pulitzer-winning novel | 6 | 61 | 91 | 106 | 138 | 173 | 178 | 183 |
| J. | Site of pro football's Hall of Fame | 87 | 46 | 166 | 69 | 156 | 34 | | |
| K. | People of ancient Syria | 2 | 70 | 79 | 92 | 124 | 130 | 190 | 191 |
| L. | U.S. landscape photographer (2 wds.) | 39 | 47 | 85 | 101 | 155 | 171 | 141 | 146 126 136 |
| M. | Basketballese for "blocked shot" | 100 | 5 | 134 | 94 | 54 | 19 | 150 | 180 75 |
| N. | Finishing i's and j's | 151 | 163 | 48 | 114 | 77 | 133 | 170 | |
| O. | Rome-born singer (2 wds.) | 33 | 185 | 58 | 160 | 8 | 27 | 99 | 63 176 |
| P. | "Once _____, twice shy" | 93 | 122 | 169 | 137 | 129 | 159 | | 43 80 |
| Q. | Sweet potatoes | 29 | 88 | 110 | 145 | | | | |
| R. | Items common to bathtubs and bells | 128 | 184 | 26 | 16 | 117 | | | |
| S. | Water saturation temperature (2 wds.) | 102 | 11 | 152 | 179 | 41 | 142 | 31 | 123 |
| T. | Capital of the United Arab Emirates (2 wds.) | 25 | 40 | 192 | 76 | 118 | 97 | 55 | 188 |
| U. | Illuminates | 56 | 74 | 167 | 131 | 143 | 158 | | |
| V. | Streep/Redford film, Best Picture of 1985 (3 wds.) | 127 | 181 | 1 | 175 | 194 | 36 | 157 | 20 14
78 44 |
| W. | Flower whose name means "nose-twist" | 15 | 105 | 7 | 37 | 135 | 193 | 64 | 144 42 95 |
| X. | Levels | 3 | 73 | 82 | 108 | 147 | | | |

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS ★★★

Each clue in a cryptic crossword contains two parts: a definition of the answer and a second description of it through wordplay. Finding the dividing point between parts is the key

to solving. Watch for anagrams, hidden words, charades of two or more smaller words, and other language tricks. Puzzle 2 is harder than Puzzle 1.

ANSWERS, PAGE 56

PUZZLE 1 BY TIMOTHY WHEELER

Note: The answers at 1-Across and 29-Across spell a timely wish.

ACROSS

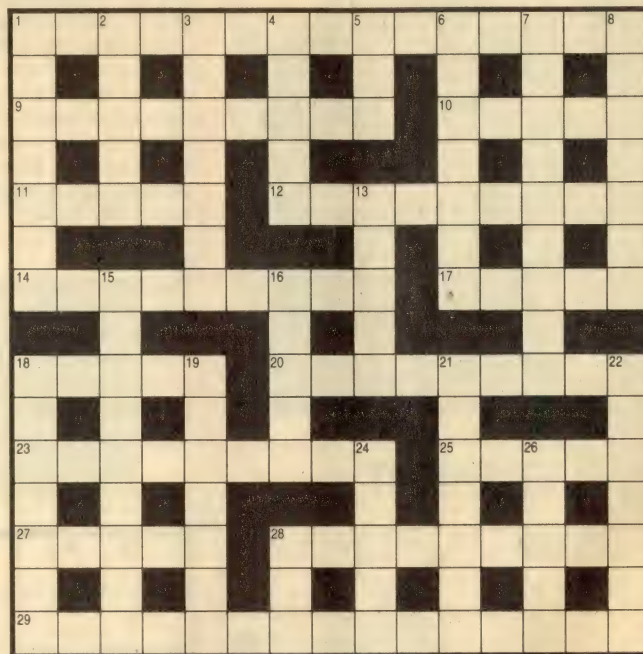
- 1 SEE ABOVE (1,5,9)
9 Felt anger in examining stocking—one piece of fruit (9)
10 "Pan" as in "pantry container" (5)
11 Surrendered, holding end of rifle still (5)
12 Gulps rum mix, including a yule sweet (9)
14 Doctor cured Anne with persistence (9)
17 Terrible stain in fabric (5)
18 What Santa's making is tilted (5)
20 Bettors misreading gas meters (9)
23 Robot's aunt nearly swallowing salad vegetable (9)

- 25 Passage from one island (5)
27 Porter holding on without help (5)
28 Awful lot of cars designed not to run (9)
29 SEE ABOVE (3,5,3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Quite an unusual collectible (7)
2 Nine changes around university, leading to boredom (5)
3 Apartment dweller must hold middle of key to get back in (7)
4 Inmates embrace one change (5)
5 Some bread is twisted, we hear (3)

- 6 Stand-ins have to polish up in city surroundings (7)
7 Exotic motel site—it may lead to kissing (9)
8 Airs and mannerisms disclosing one who puts people to sleep (7)
13 Flash flooding ultimately ruined meal (5)
15 Doctor provided couple with most of odd item found on the beach (9)
16 Odd thing when it's dark (5)
18 A chemist's workplace and a mother from southern state (7)
19 Irritability over a kind of paint (7)
21 Fight after fight for a bird (7)



- 22 Cuss about E. T. turning up in cardigan (7)
24 Material from

- north, only different (5)
26 Wise man takes in true place of

- action (5)
28 Head of committee lifted chalice (3)

PUZZLE 2 BY EMILY COX & HENRY RATHVON

ACROSS

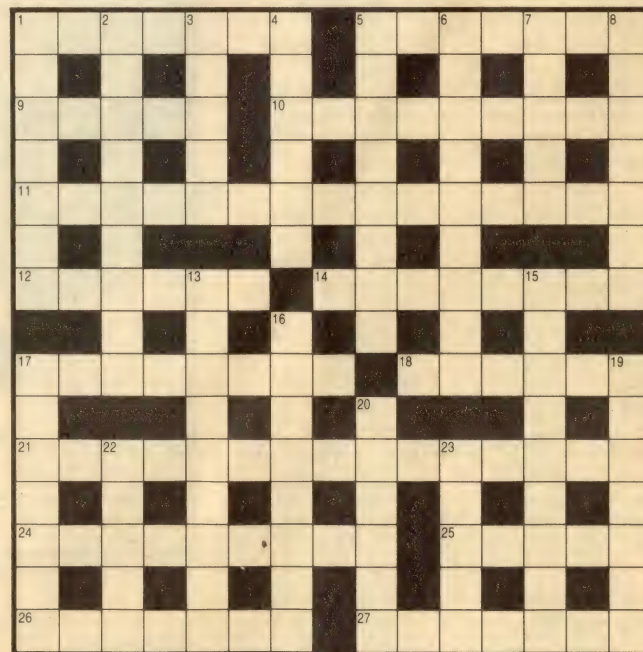
- 1 Music-maker having two of Santa's accoutrements (7)
5 One of Santa's reindeer in front of "Polar Racer," circling north (7)
9 Probe takes place among good elves (5)
10 Seafood splattered Nick's garb (4,5)
11 "Yule is crass," the Mason snarled (9,6)
12 Santa's beginning a bird's home for the least cuckoo (6)
14 Confirms evergreen returned in Eve is damaged (8)
17 Diana's wrapping runs the wrong way and twists (8)

- 18 Gift wrapper for saint with loop (6)
21 Gloved halo wearer improvised, caroling "fa-la" in E (10,5)
24 A certain Mary made a glen ornate (9)
25 Disconcert in a wild celebration (5)
26 What Santa gets before December 25 from landlords? (7)
27 Returned Christmas pudding, e.g., for having hair (7)

DOWN

- 1 Ornaments to be on packs (7)
2 True love's gifts (5) doctor found among leavings (4,5)

- 3 Sadie restrung lightbulbs? (5)
4 Someone dressed for cold weather in the skimobile (6)
5 Given coal in one's stocking, pushed in crudely (8)
6 St. Michael converted a magician (9)
7 Say, Santa uses nails (5)
8 Takes offense at unopened gifts (7)
13 Tiny crystal present given in San Francisco skating place (9)
15 I perform carols with young lady, getting gelatin (9)
16 People looking wide-eyed about last of gift openers (8)
17 Point to December mail



- in disarray (7)
19 Celebration had with pure fellow (7)

- 20 Quiet tinsel-tossing (6)
22 Don't start to insult tree

- decoration (5)
23 Santa finally gave ornamental plant (5)

TRIPLE CROWN



Practice makes perfect for Rebecca Kornbluh (left). The 35-year-old weaver from Mundelein, Illinois, defeated 249 other puzzlers last August to capture her third straight GAMES Magazine/Merriam-Webster U.S. Open Crossword Championship. First prize: \$1,500 and a six-foot pencil.

The all-day finals featured six timed puzzles, one of them—as is now traditional—containing audio clues. The trickiest such clue called for a 10-letter answer and asked, "Whose voice is this?" Solvers heard Jack Benny. The answer, though, was RICH LITTLE, doing his impersonation of the comedian.

Such catches have little effect on Kornbluh, who raced through all the puzzles without error in less than 44 minutes.

After her victory, the champion announced her retirement from competition. She said she wants to slow down and savor solving

more. Still, she plans to be back next year—if only "to relax and visit with friends."

How would you have done at the Open? Try the four following puzzles to find out. Directions for scoring appear in Answers, page 59.

—W. S.

The Top 10 Finishers

1. Rebecca Kornbluh Weaver
2. George Henschel Attorney
3. John Delfin Pianist
4. Al Sanders Engineer
5. John McNeill ... Computer Specialist
6. Ellen Ripstein Statistician
7. Robert Carroll ... Government worker
8. Douglas Hoylman Actuary
9. Howard Gross ... Bond Administrator
10. Jack Gurner Teacher

NICK KOUNIS

A PUZZLEMENT ★★

BY MIKE SHENK

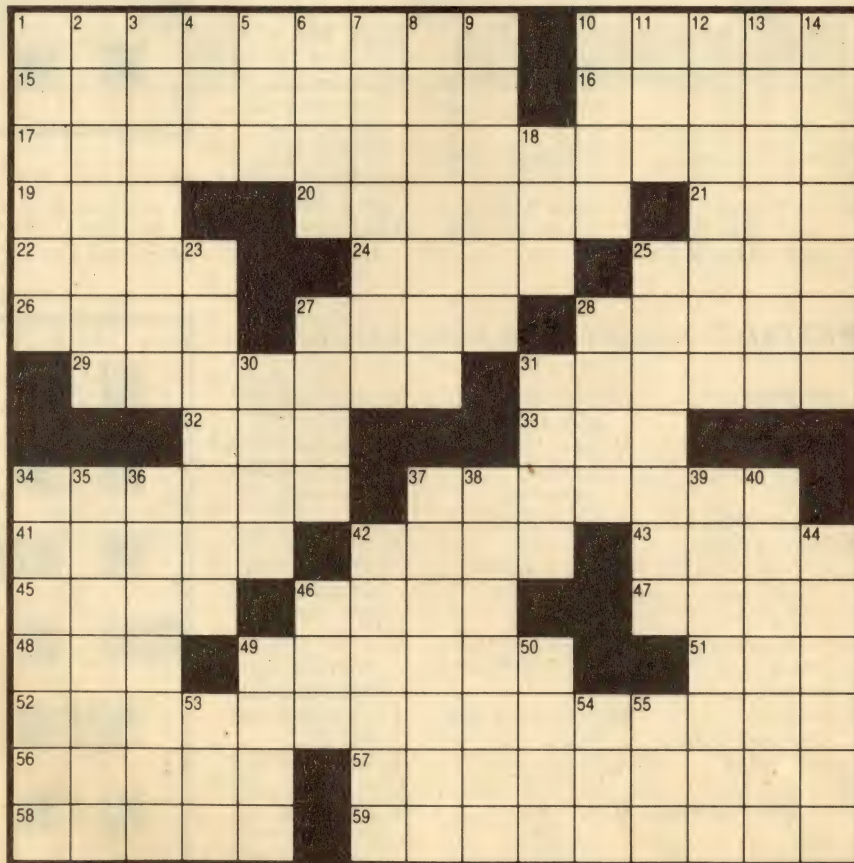
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- 26 Japanese sleuth
- 27 Heart of Germany?
- 28 Sylvan clearing
- 29 Cassandra, e.g.
- 31 Monopoly purchases
- 32 Also not
- 33 "Yes, Captain"
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- 41 Jury of one's _____
- 42 Drug buster
- 43 Savings plans, for short
- 45 Microscopic
- 46 "Mighty _____ Rose" (Stanton poem)
- 47 Famed *Harper's* cartoonist
- 48 *I Married Adventure* author Johnson

- 49 Pat of *The Karate Kid*
- 51 Sch. org.
- 52 Answers the other half of the clues?
- 56 Provinces
- 57 Contract
- 58 Remainder: Fr.
- 59 Good place to finish a crossword tournament

DOWN

- 1 Parting of the ways
- 2 Encyclopedia-sized books
- 3 Northern New York, e.g.
- 4 Atty.'s org.
- 5 Kind of room or hall
- 6 Mouseketeer features
- 7 Fake golds
- 8 Wise counselors
- 9 Phony
- 10 *Not* kitchen saucers
- 11 Pen point
- 12 _____ mud (confusing)
- 13 With ice cream
- 14 Ponchos for Panchos
- 18 *Uno e due*
- 23 Sign of a bad crossword competitor?
- 25 Aids a crossword competitor?
- 27 Man of Mannheim
- 28 *The Disasters of War* etcher
- 30 Fishy dishes



TIME LIMIT: 15 MINUTES

ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 31 Warmonger
- 34 In the pink
- 35 Sports & _____ (Trivial Pursuit category)
- 36 Law-making bodies
- 37 "_____ Chance on Love" ('40s hit)
- 38 Cicero, Cato, and others
- 39 John McIntyre's nickname
- 40 London's slums
- 42 Dolphin's tusked cousin
- 44 Fits' partner
- 46 John, to Ringo
- 49 Wares, in classified ads
- 50 In _____ (entangled)
- 53 Plopped down
- 54 Churchgoer's seat
- 55 Latin 1 verb

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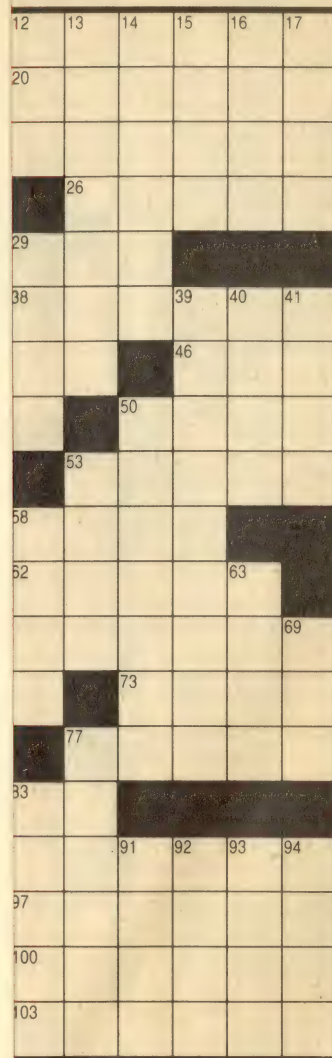
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BY MAURA JACOBSON



ANSWER, PAGE 59

- (secondary home)
76 Capital of Schleswig-Holstein
77 Kind of freak or trap
78 In time, in music
82 E, in Morse code
84 Wherein Juliet's balcony scene takes place
87 Featured dancing by ...

- 101 Ella of Hollywood
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103 Evaluate

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2 Shore eagle
3 Roman statesman
4 Patriotic abbr.
5 Feeling sensational?

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14 Refer indirectly
15 Terem Palace ruler
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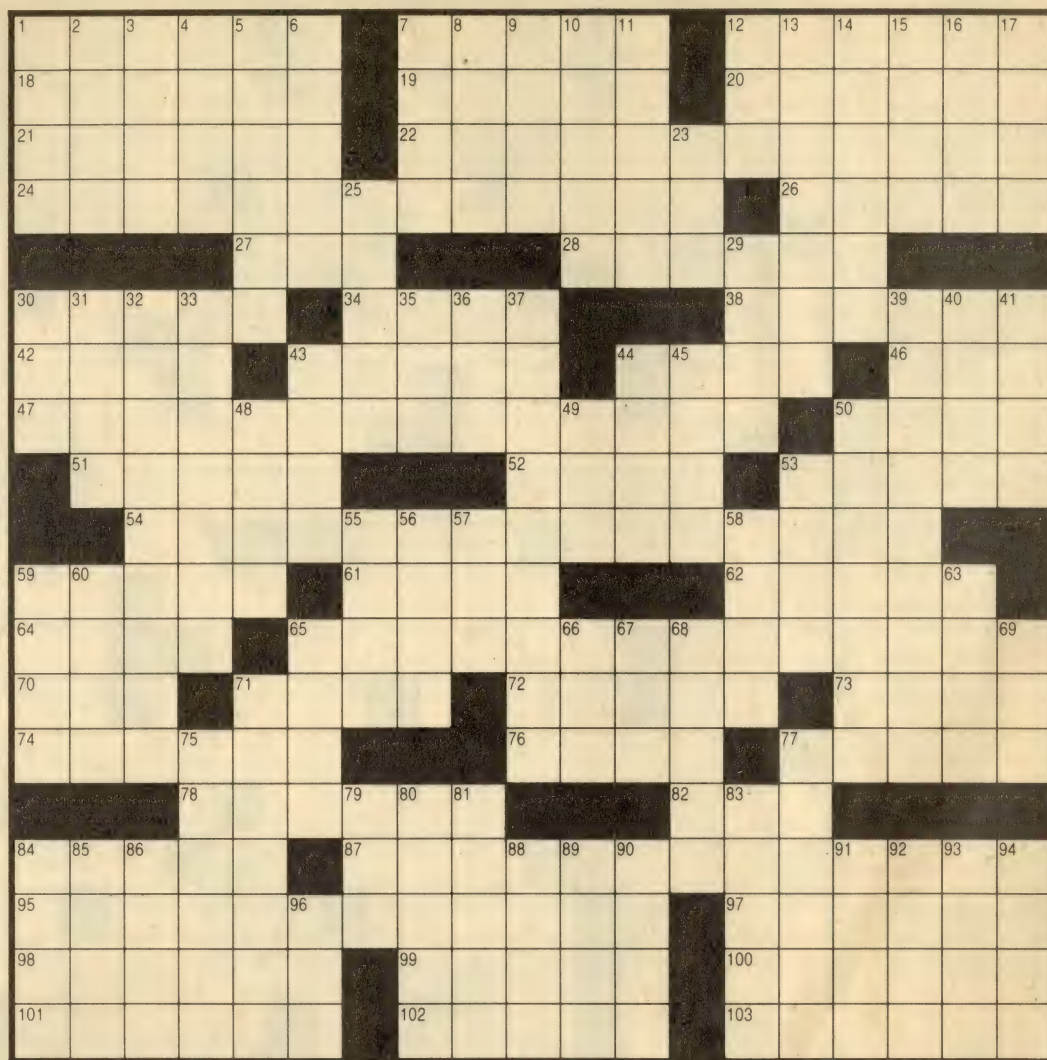
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| 36 Law-making bodies | | 49 Wares, in classified ads | 55 Latin 1 verb |

"THE BIRDS II" ★★★

BY MAURA JACOBSON

ACROSS

- 1 Goddess of sorcery
- 7 State of India
- 12 Straw the roof
- 18 One of the Musketeers
- 19 Ignominy
- 20 WW2 admiral
- 21 Concentrating
- 22 Music composed by ...
- 24 Starring ...
- 26 Thick soup
- 27 Summer zodiac sign
- 28 Applied blusher
- 30 Impatient, informally
- 34 Optician's item
- 38 "___ the money, two ..."
- 42 Bell the cat
- 43 Trite
- 44 Competitor of Budget and National
- 46 Ballerina Kitchell
- 47 Co-starring ...
- 50 Habeas corpus, e.g.
- 51 Buoyantly
- 52 Turf for fuel
- 53 Bara of the silents
- 54 Produced by ...
- 59 Hoglike animal
- 61 Rat-___
- 62 Led Zeppelin's "Whole ___ Love"
- 64 Exodus author
- 65 Finale performed by ...
- 70 Lieutenant's insignia
- 71 Not windward
- 72 Sanitize
- 73 Golden Rule word
- 74 Pied-___ (secondary home)
- 76 Capital of Schleswig-Holstein
- 77 Kind of freak or trap
- 78 In time, in music
- 82 E, in Morse code
- 84 Wherein Juliet's balcony scene takes place
- 87 Featured dancing by ...



TIME LIMIT: 30 MINUTES

ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 95 Screenplay by ...
- 97 Waken
- 98 No. 1 Hun
- 99 Rock star John
- 100 ___ Small of *Of Mice and Men*
- 101 Ella of Hollywood
- 102 Ade's *Fables* in ___
- 103 Evaluate

DOWN

- 1 Shultz's predecessor
- 2 Shore eagle
- 3 Roman statesman
- 4 Patriotic abbr.
- 5 Feeling sensational?

- 6 First name in cosmetics
- 7 Former U.S. Davis Cup team coach
- 8 Anagram of 7-Down
- 9 Marionette maker Tony
- 10 *Toujours* this
- 11 Edison's Park
- 12 Nobelism Le Duc
- 13 Occurs
- 14 Refer indirectly
- 15 Terem Palace ruler
- 16 Geologic name ending
- 17 Jekyll's alter ego
- 23 Actor Gulager
- 25 Kind of goose
- 29 Enter

- 30 Classifieds
- 31 Alliance formed in 1949
- 32 Come to pass
- 33 Ship captured by John Paul Jones
- 35 Chang's twin
- 36 Yeah's opposite
- 37 Keystone Kops-style comedy
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- 43 Spinning-wheel sound
- 44 Alaska naval station site
- 45 Kill a bill
- 48 Worse than a fibber
- 49 Toady's word

- 50 Question for Doc
- 53 1982 Disney film
- 55 Chest noise
- 56 Oklahoma Indian
- 57 Hell, according to Sherman
- 58 ___ Bator
- 59 Oompah instrument
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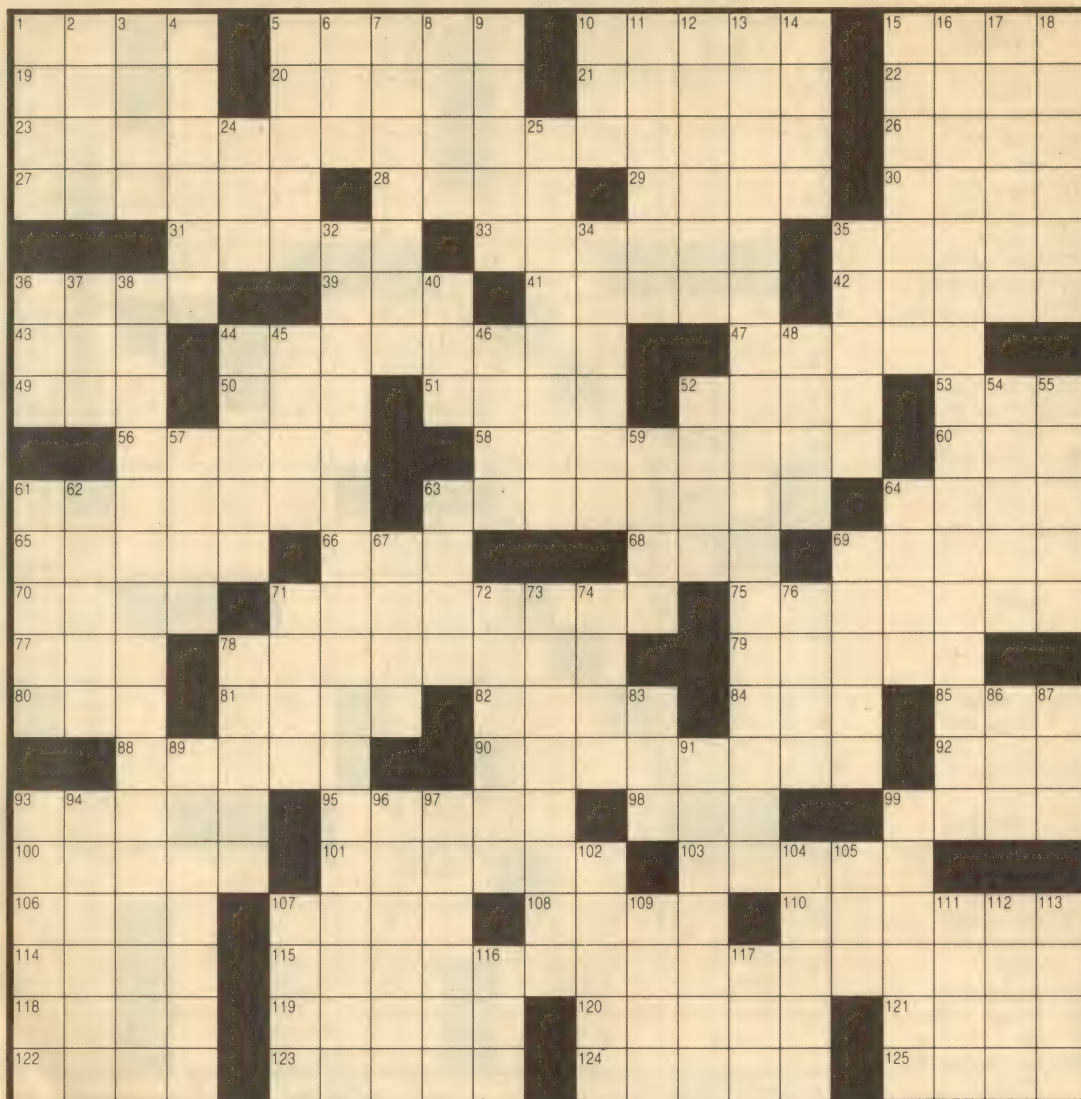
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- 85 Federal job training prog.
- 86 Jacques of French films
- 88 "___ boy!"
- 89 Diving bird
- 90 Churchbell sound
- 91 French refusals
- 92 1965 Frank Herbert novel
- 93 Suffix for "psych"
- 94 Female ruffs
- 96 Western hemisphere grp.

CAN YOU DRAW? ★★★

BY HENRY HOOK

ACROSS

- 1 Hoax
- 5 Second class, perhaps
- 10 School of fish
- 15 Disagreement
- 19 Woodwind member
- 20 "A good time was ____ all"
- 21 Sign on a Wonderland cake
- 22 Fairway figures
- 23 Spock's tranquilizers
- 26 Advantage
- 27 Barbiturate brand
- 28 Decrease?
- 29 Larry of Broadway
- 30 Tend the text
- 31 Tube booty
- 33 Beach Boys' "Surfin' ____"
- 35 Sits around the house
- 36 Emeritus: Abbr.
- 39 LummoX
- 41 Hi-tech X-ray
- 42 Skein components
- 43 "Gag me with a spoon!"
- 44 Reply from one who is dared
- 47 Clerical endowment
- 49 Beatle haircut pioneer?
- 50 Flight board abbr.
- 51 Old Spanish money
- 52 Vol. 251
- 53 "Alley ____"
- 56 Voltaire classic
- 58 Airlifted people, e.g.
- 60 Friendship Games team
- 61 Glinda's reply to Dorothy
- 63 Menorahs
- 64 Word-of-mouth
- 65 Little songbirds
- 66 Excluding tare
- 68 Drops of golden sun?
- 69 Cigarette
- 70 Ostentation
- 71 A Chorus Line song
- 75 Kin of the Potawatamis
- 77 Hill of San Francisco
- 78 Fast, in a way
- 79 Make ice cream
- 80 Arnot's *What's ____?*
- 81 Pedologist's topic
- 82 Lined up
- 84 "And ____ the opposite shore."
- 85 Twain's pauper, Tom
- 88 Three minutes, in boxing
- 90 Fans
- 92 Pay with plastic



TIME LIMIT: 45 MINUTES

ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 93 Koch bestseller
- 95 Foot woes
- 98 Understood
- 99 Catcall?
- 100 "The wife ____ bosom": Deut. 13:6
- 101 Battery pluses
- 103 Rinse, for one
- 106 Russian range
- 107 "I ____ your disposal"
- 108 Watergate woe
- 110 ____ Tojo (WW2 Japanese leader)
- 114 General Hospital matriarch
- 115 Reagan and Bush in '84
- 118 "Land of Frost and Fire": Abbr.
- 119 Raiser or razer
- 120 Cancer-treating gas
- 121 Pre-storm quiet
- 122 Columbia's org.
- 123 Boys of *The Tower Treasure*

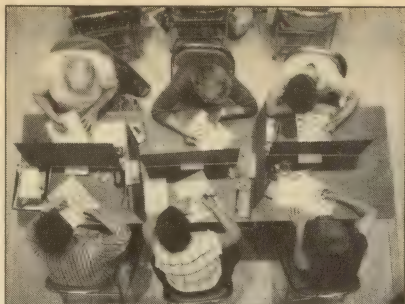
- 124 ____ a fox
- 125 Quarterback Brian

DOWN

- 1 Actress Judy
- 2 Hallelujah, I'm ____
- 3 ____-poly
- 4 Poured
- 5 Mythical town of simpletons
- 6 Concentration conjunction?
- 7 Counsel, old style
- 8 Driver with a handle
- 9 Hospital needles
- 10 D.C. title
- 11 Assault, à la Norman Bates?
- 12 Not them or us
- 13 Disease-fighting group
- 14 For fear that
- 15 He may be approaching 70
- 16 Be independent
- 17 Falklands faction, in headlines
- 18 Trypanosome carrier
- 24 Viet ____
- 25 Nothing doing?
- 32 Reason to smile?
- 34 Erstwhile Saudi King
- 35 ____ *fatuus*
- 36 "Demon" drink
- 37 I strain?
- 38 Pilgrims' accounts
- 40 10¢ picture
- 44 Is ready and available
- 45 *Novus* ____
- 46 Be useless without
- 48 Olive genus
- 52 Twisty toy
- 54 City once named Naniwa

- 55 Shows fright
- 57 Men of La Mancha?
- 59 Rickshaw
- 61 C&W voice
- 62 Rigel's constellation
- 63 Vaudevillian *né* Edward Itzkowitz
- 64 11th-century astronomer
- 67 Noble, in Nuremberg
- 69 Flabbergasts
- 71 Let ____ (notify)
- 72 ____ *Sympathy*
- 73 Not-so-subtle persuasion
- 74 ____ smasher
- 76 Thunderbolt hurler
- 78 Great interest taken in one's work?
- 83 Bald lie?
- 86 Honeymoon quorum
- 87 Archery bow material
- 89 "Beauuuuutiful!"
- 91 Boiled, crystallized sugar
- 93 Rouge place
- 94 Out of ____
- 96 ____ with (equal to)
- 97 On the portly side
- 99 Olympic awards
- 102 Mackerels' relatives
- 104 Gabs
- 105 Shuteye shutter
- 107 St. Louis landmark
- 109 "____ Panama"
- 111 A case to be made for sewing?
- 112 Iodine source
- 113 Sunny vacation spot
- 116 Ottoman chief
- 117 Emergency room notation

U.S. OPEN CROSSWORD CHAMPIONSHIP



No peeking allowed—or possible—as dividers separate contestants at their tables.



Top three contestants Delfin, Henschel, and Kornbluh share a laugh before the playoff puzzle (see below).

László Tisza, editor of Hungary's "Füles" magazine, discussed crosswords and puzzle tournaments behind the Iron Curtain.



Tournament official Steven Wright-Mark controls the volume for Puzzle #4's audio clues. Subjects of the clues included Mama Cass, "La Traviata," Darth Vader, the Three Stooges, and the theme music from "2001."

WORD MOSAIC ★★

BY PHILIP GRECO

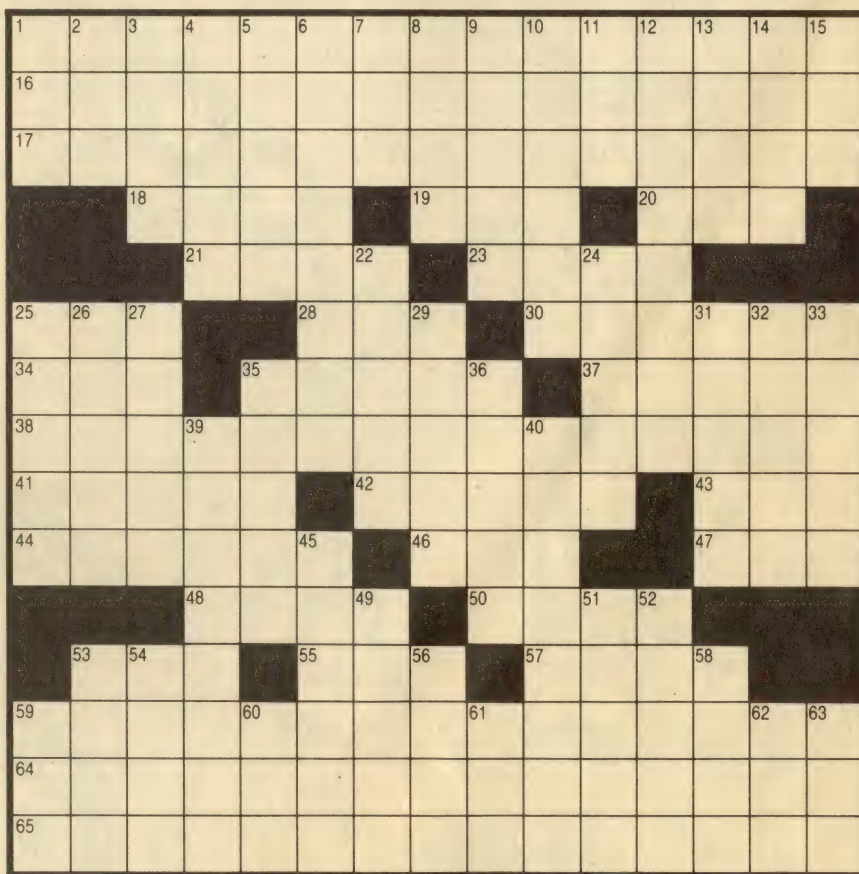
ACROSS

- 1 Cook's tour stop
- 16 Coolers
- 17 Some locomotives
- 18 Hyde Park carriage
- 19 Envoy's res.
- 20 Kitten's cry
- 21 China setting
- 23 Actress Thompson
- 25 Great Lakes tribe
- 28 Mid 2nd-century date
- 30 Closed one's i's
- 34 Harem room
- 35 Author of *The Rights of Man*
- 37 His name means "fox" in Spanish
- 38 Legume recipe
- 41 Movie set on board the *Nostromo*
- 42 Rock's John
- 43 According to
- 44 Alley buttons
- 46 Calculator display type
- 47 Superman's symbol
- 48 This may take stock
- 50 Mort from Montreal
- 53 Word from Scrooge
- 55 Jiang Qing's husband
- 57 Water duct
- 59 Pooch for Pedro

- 64 Popular 1928 orchestral piece (With An)
- 65 Phrase of optimism (with "The")

DOWN

- 1 Monopoly token
- 2 Make public
- 3 Envelop
- 4 Ghana's capital
- 5 Tiny bits
- 6 Antagonistic
- 7 Bustle
- 8 Best musical of 1982
- 9 Gossip tidbits
- 10 *Arabian Nights* hero
- 11 Record
- 12 Disney Productions employee
- 13 Pearl Harbor flyer
- 14 Mystery heroine Nancy
- 15 Draft board abbr.
- 22 Noted party crasher
- 24 Quantity of roses
- 25 Kind of cell or system
- 26 *The Story of* — H
- 27 Jackal genus
- 29 Completely
- 31 Figure of speech
- 32 Author Gardner and others
- 33 Activists
- 35 Calico pony



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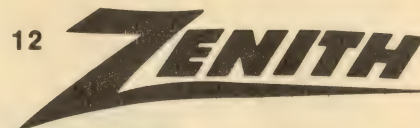
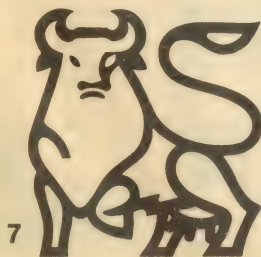
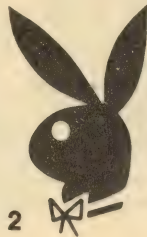
ANSWER, PAGE 59

- 36 Met bass Simon
- 39 Informal apparel
- 40 Help for an upset stomach
- 45 Shrubs related to poison ivy
- 49 U.S. gunboat sunk by the Japanese, 1937
- 51 The silent brother
- 52 Sachet scent
- 53 1960 hit "Let It —"
- 54 Revolutionary sites
- 56 *Mit's* opposite
- 58 Famed fiddler or pianist
- 59 Mercutio's queen
- 60 XXXIV × III
- 61 Little island
- 62 Alastair of *Green for Danger*
- 63 157 1/2°

Advertising follows us all day long, from the moment we wake up ("Kellogg's—the best to you each morning") till the moment we go to bed ("Take Sominex tonight and sleep"). Some products' logos have become so familiar that we barely need to look at them to identify the items they're pushing.

We think you'll recognize all 15 of the logos on this page . . . but look again. Each has been altered in some small but important way. For example, the Playboy rabbit head (#2) is sporting the wrong bow tie. How many of the other changes can you spot?

ANSWERS, PAGE 60



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TAKE THE DAY OFF

And While You're at It, Take This Holiday Quiz

by Richie Chevat

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A holiday is more than just a day off—it's an opportunity to celebrate a day of special significance. But the origins and meanings of many of the holidays observed around the world are not as well known as they ought to be. So before you send out those St. Andrew's Day cards, maybe you should take this quiz to see if you know what you're celebrating.

ANSWERS, PAGE 58

HOLIDAY IN, HOLIDAY OUT

One of the following festive histories is untrue. Which one?

1. The French celebrated the New Year on April 1 until, in the 1560s, King Charles IX decreed a change to the Gregorian calendar. The stubborn Frenchmen who refused to celebrate the New Year on January 1 were known as April Fools, and became the butt of many practical jokes.
2. Groundhog Day was conceived in 1869 by the editors of *The Farmer's Almanac*, who, after years of tracking the humble rodent's activities, felt they had scientific proof of the groundhog's ability to predict the weather.
3. The practice of carving out jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween originated in Ireland. Instead of using pumpkins, however, children would carve out rutabagas, turnips, or potatoes.

4. Columbus Day is celebrated not only in the U.S., but also in Central and South America and parts of Canada. It is, moreover, an important holiday in Spain and Italy.
5. The observance of Christmas was declared a penal offense in Puritan-dominated Massachusetts in the late 17th century. A similar law in England also forbade the "heathen" Christmas custom of making plum puddings and mince pies.



A CLAUS BY ANY OTHER NAME

You better not pout, you better not cry, Wainomoinen is coming to town. Who's Wainomoinen? That's what they call Santa Claus in one of the countries listed below. See if you can match up each country (1-7) with its name for the person (a-g) who brings the gifts.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Brazil | a. Julenissen |
| 2. Bulgaria | b. Wainomoinen |
| 3. Czechoslovakia | c. Papa Koleda |
| 4. Denmark | d. Sao Nicolau |
| 5. Italy | e. Befana |
| 6. Finland | f. Père Noël |
| 7. France | g. Svaty Mikulas |

THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

Canada celebrates some of the same holidays as the U.S. Which one of the following days is *not* observed by our neighbors to the north?

- Thanksgiving
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day
- Arbor Day
- Labor Day

A FEDERAL CASE

The U.S. Congress has declared nine federal legal holidays. How many can you name? Hint: Five of them are celebrated on Mondays.

FROM HOLIDAY ONE

Traditions have to start somewhere. In the short holiday histories below, choose the most accurate alternative in each set of parentheses.

1. The first Thanksgiving lasted for (two, three, four) days. Captain (Miles Standish, John Smith, John Doe) paraded his soldiers in a series of maneuvers, while the Governor of the colony, William (Bradford, Ogilvie, Mather), looked on. Massasoit, chief of the (Iroquois, Mohicans, Wampanoags) was invited and brought (30, 60, 90) braves. The menu consisted of (turkey, venison, goose eggs), as well as duck, seafood, white bread, corn bread, and greens. Wild plums and (cakes, berries, caramel corn) were served for dessert. A very sweet and strong (corn liquor, wine, eggnog) was drunk.

2. The first official Fourth of July celebration took place in (New York, Boston, Philadelphia) in (1776, 1777, 1778). Music was provided by the (British, Hessian, French) band that had been captured at Trenton. The only reported complaint was made by the (Puritans, Quakers, Knights of Columbus), who objected to the number of windows broken during the celebration. For a number of years after the Revolution, the effigy of (King George III, Queen Elizabeth, Benedict Arnold) was hung or burned. Presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the day of the semicentennial. Five years after that, to the day, President James (Madison, Monroe, Taylor) died.

3. Passover is a Jewish holiday commemorating the Jews' exodus from (Eden, Ethiopia, Egypt), where they had been slaves under the (Fedayeen, Pharaoh, Phalanx). The Jews left so quickly that they had no time to add leavening to their bread, and instead had to make unleavened bread, called (matzoh, manna, menorah). On the first night of the Passover holiday, Jews partake of the ceremonial meal called (Succoth, Seder, Sanhedrin), which is depicted in the famous painting, (*The First Noël*, *The Second Coming*, *The Last Supper*).

GREETINGS!

Even though you're
far away
From loved ones
on a holiday,
In rain and snow
and sleet and hail,
Your card will make it
through the mail.

Can you arrange the following holidays according to the number of greeting cards sent in the U.S. each year, from highest to lowest?

Christmas
Easter
Father's Day
Halloween
Hanukkah
Jewish New Year
Mother's Day
St. Patrick's Day
Thanksgiving
Valentine's Day



HOLIDAY HANDLES

You probably know that Mardi Gras means "fat Tuesday" and that Halloween, formerly All Hallows E'en, is the eve of All Saints' Day. How much do you know about the following holiday names (or names associated with holidays)?

1. What is the most widely accepted explanation for the source of the name "Easter"?
 - a. It comes from the word *astro*, meaning "star," after the star seen in the sky on the night Christ rose from his tomb.
 - b. It was named after Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring.
 - c. The source was *asterno*, Spanish for "ass," after the Castilian donkey that Christ rode into Jerusalem.

2. Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes (and vermin) out of Ireland. Exactly how did he accomplish this feat?
 - a. By beating a drum
 - b. By beating them with his staff
 - c. By sending for a snake charmer from Bombay

3. The Germanic name "Krisp Kringle" has become synonymous with Santa Claus. How did the name originate?
 - a. It means "Holy Nicholas."
 - b. It is a corruption of *Christ-kindlein*, or Christ-child.
 - c. "Krisp Kringles" was a cereal traditionally eaten on Christmas morning.

4. St. Valentine's Day began as the Roman feast of *Lupercalia*, during which names of sweethearts were picked out of a box. In trying to wipe out the pagan aspect of the festival in the fifth century, the Church renamed it St. Valentine's Day. But why was St. Valentine chosen for such an honor?
 - a. He was the patron saint of lovers.
 - b. He arranged the marriage of Pope Leo XI's parents.
 - c. *Lupercalia* and the date of St. Valentine's death took place on nearly the same day.

5. In England, Australia, and some other Commonwealth countries, the day after Christmas is an important holiday called Boxing Day. Gifts are exchanged and many people have open-house parties. But why is it called Boxing Day?
 - a. "Boxing" is old Cockney slang for "partying."
 - b. The day commemorates a Norman victory over the Anglo-Saxons that took place on Boxing Field.
 - c. The name comes from the custom of giving gift boxes to the tradespeople one has done business with all year.

6. Guy Fawkes Day is celebrated in England every November 5th with fireworks, while scarecrows, known as "guys," are burned in effigy. Who was Guy Fawkes, and what did he do to deserve such a fête?
 - a. He beheaded Ann Boleyn.
 - b. He was the illegitimate son of Queen Elizabeth I who led an unsuccessful revolt against Charles I.
 - c. He plotted to blow up the Parliament building in 1605.



PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

You may not be superstitious, but you'd better believe that many holidays have some pretty strange practices and beliefs associated with them.

1. The Druids were the priests and priestesses of the Celtic people in what is now England, Ireland, and France. Quite a few of our celebratory customs have come down from them. Which one of these holiday symbols or rituals was *not* originated by the Druids?
 - a. Mistletoe at Christmas
 - b. Easter parades
 - c. The maypole
 - d. Black cats at Halloween

2. In England, there have been many Valentine's Day superstitions that were guaranteed to foretell who a young woman would marry. An unmarried woman might be told to do any of the following things on Valentine's Day, except one. Which one was supposed to bring bad luck instead of a happy union?
 - a. Striking her forehead with a rose petal
 - b. Pinning five bay leaves to her pillow
 - c. Bringing a snowdrop into the house
 - d. Circling a church 12 times at midnight

3. Valentine's Day isn't the only holiday when a young woman can find out who she will marry. In 18th- and 19th-century England, it was believed that on Halloween a girl might magically see the face of her future husband. According to this belief, which of these methods would *not* work?
 - a. Finding a spotted mushroom
 - b. Eating an apple in front of a mirror
 - c. Placing hazelnuts in front of a fire
 - d. Watching a snail crawl through the ashes of a fireplace

4. The Germans who settled in Pennsylvania brought us many Christmas customs and superstitions. Which one of the following would *not* bring bad luck or illness if done on Christmas Day?
 - a. Spinning or sewing
 - b. A bath or change of underwear
 - c. Eating sauerkraut
 - d. Leaving an open grave

5. The ancient practice of coloring and giving eggs originated in the Mideast, and was adopted by the early Church in its celebration of Easter. Which is *not* a traditional belief about Easter eggs?
 - a. Yolks of eggs laid on Good Friday will turn to diamonds in 100 years.
 - b. Eggs laid on Good Friday and eaten on Easter Sunday promote the fertility of trees and crops and protect against a sudden death.
 - c. Two yolks in an Easter egg portend coming financial prosperity.
 - d. Accepting the gift of an Easter egg from an enemy brings bad luck for the coming year.

6. Which one of the following superstitions is *not* a Yule log tradition?
 - a. The number of sparks that it shoots off indicates the number of chickens the next year will provide.
 - b. To put out a Yule log's fire with anything other than blessed water will bring a year of misfortune.
 - c. A Yule log's ashes and charcoal can alleviate swollen glands.
 - d. The remains of a Yule log, placed under a bed, protect against fire and thunder.



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Kid Stuff

THE GAMES GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S GAMES

by Istar Schwager

Children love games—don't we all?—and a well-designed, challenging game is a much appreciated gift. This guide is designed to help you choose the right games for your favorite young people.

Our selections were based on actual play-testing with children and observing children at play, and also on certain objective criteria. A game's rules and logic should fit the thinking abilities of a child in the game's targeted age group, and, in the case of action games, the type and degree of dexterity required should match the skill level of an average child of that age. We preferred games that a child will want to return to often over several years and that have enough physical or intellectual substance to provide room for growth. Games that appeal equally to boys and to girls were preferred over those that are gender-

specific. It is also important for a game to interest older members of the family, who are a child's teammates and opponents as often as are same-age playmates. We did not consider games based on violence, war, or fighting.

Quality and appropriateness of game pieces were also taken into account. No game should subject a child to injury, and games for preschoolers should be especially sturdy and durable, with pieces large enough to be easily manipulated by small hands and fingers.

The games recommended here are arranged by age level, though there is some overlapping. A number of games that appeal more-or-less equally to adults and children are listed on page 45; some of these appeared in The 1986 Games 100 (November 1986). Prices given are approximate.

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PRESCHOOL (AGES 3-5)

Preschoolers are just learning to follow consistent rules and to deal with winning and losing. Games for this age group need to be simple, attractive, and sturdy. No reading should be necessary. Game length should be brief, to match the short attention spans of very young children.

ZOO-DOMINO

Ravensburger, 2-4 players, ages 4 and up, \$7

This simple variation on the traditional game of dominoes involves matching cards showing pictures of two animals. The photos are colorful and appealing, and the cards are of heavy stock. On each turn a player tries to get rid of a card by matching one of its animals with an identical animal on a previously played card. If no card matches, the player must draw a card and is thus one card further from winning (by getting rid of all cards). Suitable for very young children, the game involves both luck and elementary strategy—the player will often have to choose which of several cards to play.

CAT'S EYE

Schaper, 2-4 players, ages 3 and up, \$15

The challenges here involve quick reaction, physical coordination, and color matching. Players use levers to release marbles of various colors from a hopper, each player selecting released marbles that match the color of his or her cat-board (a cardboard cut-out containing a number of holes) and placing them in the holes. Marbles that don't match are returned to the hopper. The object is to be the first to fill in one's cat-board, but, since the black marble that goes in the cat's eye cannot be placed until all the other holes have been filled, some patience is required. This is a game for a child who likes lots of action—and for a family that can tolerate some lively clatter. Caution: The marbles are small enough to be swallowed.

GIANT COOTIE

Schaper, 1-2 players, preschool, \$7

Big, sturdy pieces represent the bodies, heads, legs, and other parts of two friendly-looking bugs. On each toss of the die, the player acquires and adds another part to his cootie until it's complete. Each number on the die represents a different part; since the parts must be assembled in a certain order, children learn about sequencing. The game can be played alone or with a friend. Even with an opponent, the competition to be first



TOP:
ZOO-DOMINO
BOTTOM:
CAT'S EYE

GIANT COOTIE

to assemble the insect doesn't get too fierce since the focus is not on winning but on the task itself. Although several versions of the game are available (the original Cootie and Deluxe Cootie), for preschoolers we prefer the larger pieces of Giant Cootie.

CANDY LAND

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 4-8, \$7

This old favorite has enough suspense to keep preschoolers interested game after game. Players pick cards that show them where to proceed with their markers along a colorful winding path. Drawing a picture card may send a player forward or backward. The skill needed is in matching colors and pictures. Candy Land is a good introduction to board games, with easy-to-follow rules. It has been a preschool standard for a quarter-century.

CANDY LAND BINGO

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 4-8, \$6

Sturdy, colorful "gingerbread" characters, representing the markers used in standard bingo games, are to be placed in rows on large cards containing color dots (instead of the usual numbers). A spinner tells players the color of the character to be placed on a matching dot on the players' cards. Both luck and strategy are involved, as players must often choose between alternative ways of forming a row.

RACE TO THE ROOF

Ravensburger, 2-4 players, ages 5-10, \$15

Cards, arranged differently each game, make up the rooms of a house. Following a path of spaces that run along the bottoms of the cards, players wend their way upstairs, trying to be the first to get to the dormer window on the roof. A die determines the number of spaces to advance each turn. The play is enlivened by another chance element: A player rolling a 6 picks a card showing a small detail from one of the rooms, and must then find that room and move his playing piece there. Chance is the predominant factor, though some skill is required to find the room containing the chosen detail. Note: One of the cards depicts a man sitting on the toilet, which some parents might find objectionable.

MEMORY

Milton Bradley, 2 or more players, ages 4-10, \$6

A set of 72 cards (36 identical pairs) containing pictures of bunnies, lilies, triangles, and a variety of other shapes and animals (people, too) are arranged face down in rows, and players alternate in turning up two at a time, trying to find matching pairs. Children often have great visual memories and tend to do quite well at this sort of thing. Easier rules for younger or more easily frustrated children allow them to turn over four or five cards each turn. Three card-game versions (which differ only in subject matter) and two board-game versions are available.

CHUTES AND LADDERS

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 4-8, \$6

Based on an ancient game that became Snakes and Ladders in England, this popular classic has a board made up of spaces numbered from 1 through 100. Interspersed among the rows of numbers are ladders and slides that, when landed on, either advance or send back a player's token. On either end of the slides and ladders is a picture telling a little story of a good deed or a mishap. A spinner determines whether a player lands on a number, a slide, or a ladder. This is a game of pure luck, but the number progression makes it exciting. The number system may take a little getting used to for younger children.

AGES 6-8

Children in this age group are beginning to read and learning how to use strategy. They love to practice the physical skills that seem to improve by the day, so games that make noise and allow the child to use his body are especially appealing.

DON'T BREAK THE ICE!

Schaper, 2-4 players, ages 5 and up, \$5

Players take turns using a little mallet to knock out plastic "ice cubes" that have been tightly packed into a frame. On one of the cubes sits an "iceman," and the object is to avoid making him fall, which he will do when the pressure of neighboring cubes is removed. Strategy is based on an understanding of very rudimentary physics: Which cubes do not support the iceman and can therefore be safely knocked out? Since the iceman can be repositioned each game, the challenge is always fresh.

TOP TO BOTTOM:
CANDY LAND,
RACE TO THE ROOF,
CHUTES AND LADDERS

TOP TO BOTTOM:
CANDY LAND BINGO,
MEMORY,
DON'T BREAK THE ICE!



FLYING CIRCUS

Hoyle, 2-4 players, ages 4-9, \$8

Somewhat similar to tiddlywinks, this action game calls for a combination of coordination, strategy, and luck. Players flip plastic pieces from the sidelines onto a compartmented board representing a multi-ring circus, earning points according to the number of the ring they land in. As skill develops, children will be able to hit the higher scoring areas more successfully. The game is well suited to the still very physical six- to eight-year-old (who won't at all mind retrieving pieces that inevitably end up on the floor).

TROUBLE

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 5 and up, \$8

The board of this exciting race game has a clear dome in the center, encasing a single die, which is rolled by pressing the dome. A roll of 6 allows a player to move one of his four pegs out of its home base. The winner is the first player to move all his pegs around the track and into the goal in the center. Strategy, like that in *Sorry!* and other pachisi-derived games, involves deciding whether to advance a peg toward the goal or to send an opponent's peg all the way back to its home base by landing on it.

TOPPLE

Pressman, 2-4 players, ages 6 to adult, \$10

A real balancing act, this game requires players to place circular pieces on a precariously balanced multi-level platform. Points are gained by completing rows and stacks of pieces. But if too much weight is put on one side, the platform will topple and scatter the pieces, much to the delight of the players. Very young players may need some help with the scoring system, which is based on simple addition. Physical dexterity, strategy, luck, and an appreciation of balance are all involved.

SCRABBLE SENTENCE GAME FOR JUNIORS

Selchow & Righter, 2-4 players, ages 5-9, \$7

The easier of this game's two levels of difficulty involves covering words printed on the board with cardboard tiles containing matching words. The object of this very simple game, playable by beginning readers, is to cover all the words of a complete sentence. On the other, more challenging, side of the board (shown below left), all the spaces are blank, and players use the word tiles to construct their own sentences. Some imagination is needed to make up a sentence using, for instance, both *FROG* and *WAITER*. Various nouns, verbs, conjunctions, and other parts of speech are provided. The scoring system is simpler than that used in *Scrabble*, but the play is rather similar.

STAY ALIVE

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 7 to adult, \$6

In this interesting strategy game, each player selects a set of marbles of a particular color (two players can take two colors each) and places them in the holes of a grid. Under each row of holes are two layers of plastic containing a random assortment of holes. One layer can be shifted vertically, the other horizontally, and any marbles located where the holes in both layers coincide drop out the bottom of the grid. Players take turns sliding the layers (by means of levers), trying to make the opponent's marbles drop out while his own "stay alive." Experience will indicate where best to place the marbles at the start.

TOSS ACROSS

Ideal, 2-4 players, ages 5 and up, \$17

Based on tic-tac-toe, Toss Across involves tossing bean bags at three-sided blocks that pivot in their frame. The object is to turn the blocks so that a row of three blocks showing the player's symbol (either X or O) face up. This large and very physical game requires 8-10 feet of space, with the frame placed on the floor between the players. Both coordination and strategy are involved in winning. Unlike tic-tac-toe, in this game a player can reverse an opponent's X or O and turn an imminent defeat into a surprise victory.

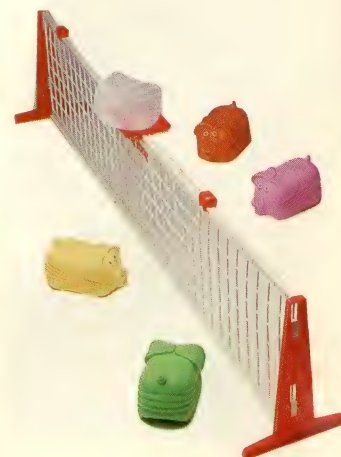
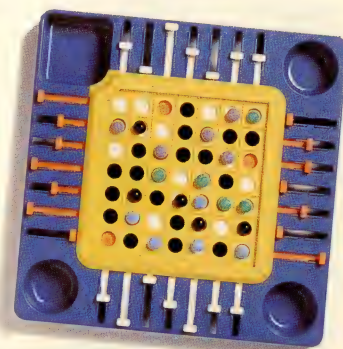
PIG PONG

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 6 and up, \$14

Each player squeezes puffs of air from a pig-shaped rubber bellows to keep a feathery "ball" aloft and blow it to the opponent's side of the plastic net in this entertaining new action game derived from Ping-Pong. A point is scored by the player whose opponent allows the ball to touch down on his side of the net. There's plenty of action in the volleys, and the game requires the kind of coordination that a six- to eight-year-old can manage quite well. It's fun for grownups, too, when the kids have gone to sleep.



TOP TO BOTTOM:
FLYING CIRCUS,
TOPPLE,
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TOP TO BOTTOM:
TROUBLE,
STAY ALIVE,
PIG PONG

AGES 8-14

By age eight and beyond, children can follow directions and understand fairly complex strategies. Their reading skills are often well developed, they love learning about things, and they can enjoy games that take 30 minutes or longer to play.

GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

Milton Bradley, 2-8 players, ages 8 and up, \$6

The board represents a classroom with 80 desks. Players move tokens from desk to desk, trying to advance to the head of the class. A toss of the dice indicates which question the player will be asked from a book of questions in dozens of categories, arranged in three levels of difficulty. This is an excellent game for parents to play with their children.

'SMATH

Pressman, 2-4 players, ages 6 and up, \$10

In this Scrabble-like math game, players have to construct equations by combining tiles that contain numbers with others that contain the standard symbols for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Since the numbers go no higher than 12, the math should be manageable by an average eight-year-old. The game can also be played using only the addition and subtraction tiles.

GAME OF THE STATES

Milton Bradley, 2-4 players, ages 7-14, \$6

Using little plastic trucks to travel around a map-board of the U.S., players buy and sell commodities (using play money) at prices determined by a spinner. This long-time favorite incorporates some of the intrigue of commerce while painlessly teaching geography. And the vicarious thrill of traveling by truck cross-country has a certain romantic appeal.

WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

Ravensburger, 2-6 players, ages 10 to adult, \$29

A map of the world is the board on which players go on expeditions to find endangered animal species, which are pictured and described on cards. In turn, players add arrowlike sticks to their routes as they head toward their destinations. The play itself is involving, and the detailed information about the animals being sought adds depth and interest.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT, YOUNG PLAYERS' EDITION

Selchow & Righter, 2-6 players, ages 7 and up, complete set including board and pieces, around \$25; cards only, around \$20

A large proportion of the questions deal with cartoon characters, children's books, and other topics on which children are presumably expert. Some questions are a bit difficult, but in team play children can pool resources. This is another excellent family game. (Not illustrated.)

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Aristoplay, Box 76456, Ann Arbor, MI 48107,

phone 800-443-0100; 2-6 players, ages 8 and up, \$35

This multi-level game is crammed with information—natural resources, languages, and many other details—about hundreds of countries. The easiest of the six games involves matching cards with continents printed in the same colors. The more advanced games include Junior Ambassador, in which players can bone up on current events. By mid-1987, the several geographic regions will be available as separate games.

TOP:
'SMATH
BOTTOM:
WHERE IN THE WORLD?



TOP TO BOTTOM:
GO TO THE HEAD
OF THE CLASS,
GAME OF THE STATES,
WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

GROWNUPS ARE PEOPLE, TOO

Many games that appeal to children are enjoyed as much, if not more, by adults. Those that we like especially are listed here. A few of them, identified by a reference to the November 1986 issue of *GAMES*, appeared last month in *The Games 100*.

BLOCKHEAD! (Pressman, \$6; 1 or more players, ages 4 and up; Nov. 86) is a wonderful party game of balancing odd-shaped blocks. **LOCOMOTION** (Schaper, \$9, 2-6 players, ages 6 and up; Nov. 86) requires players to perform silly tasks in ever-lengthening sequences; challenge the kids at your own risk. **CAT & MOUSE** (Playline, \$7; 2 players, ages 8 and up; Nov. 86) is an intriguing strategy game that takes one minute to learn and two to play.

MASTERMIND (Pressman, \$8; 2 players, ages 8 and up) is an absorbing game of logic in which players try to deduce each other's

secret pattern of colored pegs. **CHINESE CHECKERS** (Pressman, various editions \$5 to \$10; 2-6 players, ages 6 and up) needs no introduction; it's a game children and adults can enjoy at entirely different levels. **GHOSTS!** (Milton Bradley, \$9; 2 players, ages 6 and up; Nov. 86) is a strategy game of pure bluff that children find simple, adults profound.

CONNECT FOUR (Milton Bradley, \$5; 2 players, ages 7 and up) is a fascinating "vertical tic-tac-toe" in which the object is to obtain four checkers of your color in a row. **OTHELLO** (Milton Bradley, \$12; 2 players, ages 6 and up; Nov. 86) is an abstract strategy game in which bracketing your opponent's pieces turns them over to your color. **SORRY!** (Parker Brothers, \$12; 2-4 players, ages 6 and up; Nov. 86) is a simple race game that requires enough decision making to interest adults.

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WHAT ARE THESE OBJECTS?



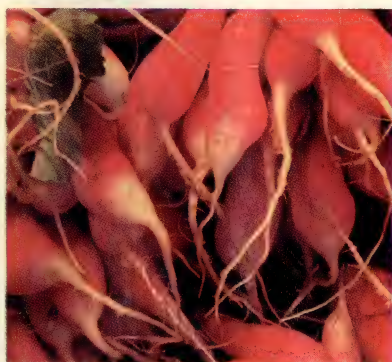
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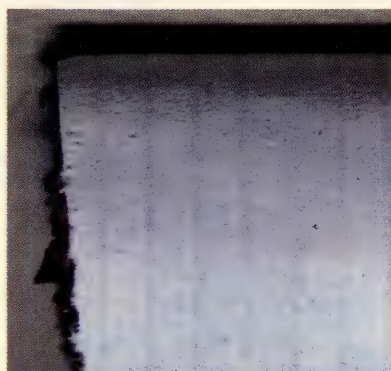
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CLUES

1. Clothes closer
2. Martini mates
3. Rio loco?
4. Rooting section
5. Where there's smoke
6. Southwestern sticker
7. Charge of the light brigade
8. Combing attraction

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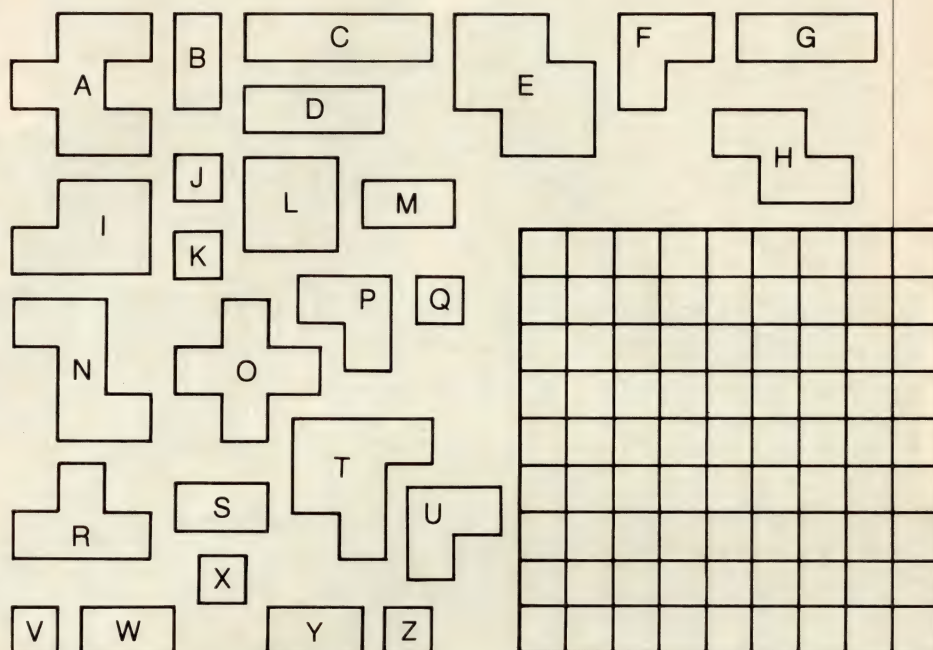
PATCHWORD QUILT

Arrange the lettered pieces into a square, then move from piece to piece to spell as many words as possible.

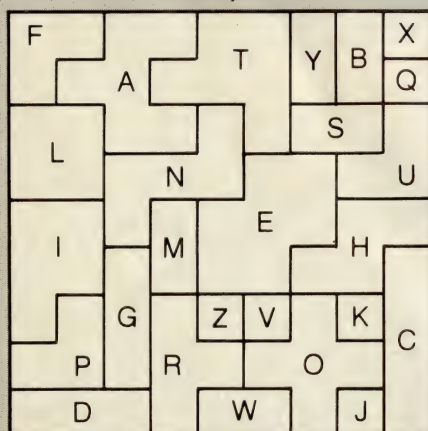
What do you get when you cross a jigsaw puzzle with a word game? A contest like this one.

First, take the pieces shown at right and fit them together to form a 9x9 square. Pieces may be flipped over and/or rotated, but must not overlap. The entire square must be filled in. There are millions of ways to make the square; one is shown below. It's best to start with the largest pieces, saving the smaller ones to fill in the remaining spaces.

After forming your square, spell out



Example



Some valid words:

DROVES FLINTS PIGMENT
ESTATE FLINTY PIGMENTS

Invalid words:

FLATTEN (Standing on the T is not allowed)
BUSTER (Corner-to-corner moves—B to U and E to R—are not allowed)
FLINT (Words less than six letters long don't count)

as many words of six or more letters as you can, by moving from piece to adjacent piece. Pieces are considered adjacent if they meet along an edge, but *not* if they touch only at a corner. You may return to a letter and use it again within a single word, but you may not stand on a letter in order to double it. See the sample entry for examples of valid and invalid words.

Acceptable words To be acceptable, a word must be recognized by *Webster's Third New International Dictionary (Unabridged)*, where the word must either be listed in boldface or be an inflected form of a boldface entry. Comparative and superlative forms of adjectives are acceptable only if specified after a boldface entry; but noun plurals and verb forms are acceptable if clearly implied by the inflectional patterns of related words. Words may contain accent marks. A word is unacceptable if it (1) is composed of two or more component parts separated by a space, or appears only as such a component part; (2) contains an

apostrophe, hyphen, or period; (3) is designated only as capitalized or usually capitalized; (4) is listed only as an abbreviation or symbol; (5) appears only in the Addenda.

Winning The entry with the most valid words formed wins. Ties, if any, will be broken by the total length of all words formed. Any remaining ties will be broken by random draw.

Entering Draw your completed square, with all pieces filled in, on a piece of paper or postcard. Then write your list of words, along with your name and address. You may enter as many times as you wish, but each entry must be mailed separately. **IMPORTANT:** If you mail your entry in an envelope, you must write the number of words in your list on the back of the envelope and circle it.

—S. M.

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LOGIC

CASTING LOTS

Congratulations! You've been named to direct the Shoestring Repertory's production of *Good Friends*, a sophisticated farce for two men and three women. The group contains four men and five women capable of playing the roles.

Unfortunately, Jed won't join the cast unless Teresa is in it; Teresa won't join if either John or Peter is in; neither John nor Peter will join unless Mary is in; if either Mary or Teresa is in the cast, Deborah will not be in; and unless Deborah is in, Kathleen won't be in.

Eileen and Steve, bless their hearts, will cooperate with any cast you choose.

So, just whom should you cast?

—Bob Stanton



TEASERS

ALL AROUND US

Make the same change to each of the following words, then rearrange the letters, and you'll have the elements in a common group of words. What are they?

HATRED
FRIED

RAID
WARTED

—R. L.

TWISTS

DUAL PERSONALITIES

The names below, odd as they may look, should sound vaguely familiar. That's because each is a combination of the names of two famous people who form a team, as a couple, business partners, or co-stars. For example, Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy might combine into the name Spencerine Trapburn. Can you identify the duo mixed in each name?

1. Richabeth Tayton
2. Joko Lenno
3. Enny McMason
4. Humphren Bocall
5. Oscard Rodgerstein
6. Rogene Sisbert
7. Elizabert Brownett
8. Charlette Chaddard
9. Decille Barnaz
10. R2-PO

—Dan Carlson

FOR THE RECORD

M AS IN MAP

In Roman numerals, M may stand for 1000, but for this puzzle we want you to think in millions: there are 13 cities of the world starting with M that have populations over a million. How many can you name? (Hint: None of them are in the United States.)

—James and Sher Bird Garfield

NUMBER PLAY

AN AGE-OLD PROBLEM

A certain man was born earlier in this millennium. If the two center digits of his birthyear are switched, the result is the year of his death. If the digits of his birthyear are multiplied, the result is his age at death. What was his birthyear?

—Karen Nimmons

TRIVIA

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

NIGHT, ROUND, CHILD, SLEEP, and PEACE are the only 5-letter words in the song "Silent Night" (ignoring lesser-known verses). Similarly, each list at right contains all words of a given length from a certain Yuletide song. Can you identify each song?

—Raymond D. Love

1. POUT, TOWN, LIST, FIND, NICE, SEES, WHEN, BEEN, GOOD, SAKE
2. STILL, ABOVE, SLEEP, STARS, LIGHT, HOPES, FEARS, YEARS
3. PEOPLE, STREET, CORNER, SILVER, LIGHTS, BRIGHT

4. NIPPING, DRESSED, ESKIMOS, TONIGHT, GOODIES, MOTHER'S
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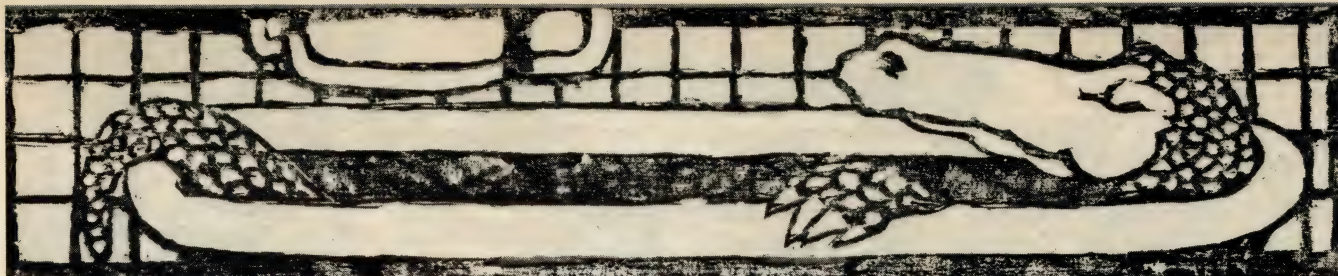
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TWISTS

PERSONIFICATION

If the names RUBY and VIOLET are also colors, what could the following couples also be?

1. ROSEMARY and BASIL
2. HENRY and GILBERT
3. TIMOTHY and JOHNSON
4. ROMEO and JULIETT

—Raymond D. Love

WORDPLAY

NESTED WORDS

Each set of clues below leads to a pair of words: a seven-letter word and a four-letter word "nested" in it. The nested word is found by taking every other letter of the seven-letter word, always beginning with the first letter. For example, nested in SUPPORT is SPOT: SUPPORT. In each of the sets below, the seven-letter word is clued first.

1. Bonn's country; dismal color
2. Spotted cat; burden
3. Fishermen; generations
4. Harder to lift; salon concern
5. Hippie's forerunner; financial institution
6. Disintegrate; geometric solid
7. One of three children; pinball no-no
8. Brilliant red; shaker contents
9. Eccentricity; some poems
10. Multiplication answer; sulk
11. Class get-together; undo completely
12. Illuminated lunarly; lose feathers
13. Water globule; idiot
14. Keeps engrossed; breakfast food
15. Be agitated; worry
16. Capable of floating; floating vessel

—Fraser Simpson

FOR THE RECORD

COUNTY FARE

Each trio of names below is a set of the counties from one of the 50 states. Can you identify the appropriate state for each set?

1. Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui
2. Baylor, Crockett, and Zapata
3. Citrus, Dixie, and Glades
4. Aroostook, Kennebec, and Penobscot
5. Erie, Nassau, and Queens
6. Cook, Douglas, and Kankakee
7. Appomattox, Powhatan, and Shenandoah
8. Calaveras, Lassen, and Orange
9. Lake of the Woods, Mille Lacs, and Otter Tail
10. Chattahoochee, Gwinnett, and Oglethorpe

—Terry Moyer

TEASERS

IN THE SWIM

All of the words in the list below are examples of something. Of what?

BLUE LEOPARD BULL
NURSE WHITE TIGER
LEMON GREENLAND WHALE

—Eric Brothers

NUMBER PLAY

STREETWISE

Hutch, Warren, and Coop all live on Proximity Place. Two live on one side of the street and one lives on the other, and none of the three lives on a corner. Proximity Place is one block long and has houses numbered from 1 through 60 (with, of course, consecutive odd numbers

TRIVIA

WHO WAS THAT MAN?

Can you match each manly movie (1–14) below with the actor (a–n) who played the title role?

1. *A Man Called Horse*
2. *A Man For All Seasons*
3. *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*
4. *The Man in the Iron Mask*
5. *The Man in the White Suit*
6. *Man of a Thousand Faces*
7. *The Man Who Came to Dinner*
8. *The Man Who Fell to Earth*
9. *The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing*
10. *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*
11. *The Man Who Would Be King*
12. *The Man With the Golden Arm*
13. *The Man With the Golden Gun*
14. *The Man With Two Brains*

- a. David Bowie
- b. James Cagney
- c. Sean Connery
- d. Alec Guinness
- e. Richard Harris
- f. Louis Hayward
- g. Christopher Lee
- h. Steve Martin
- i. Gregory Peck
- j. Burt Reynolds
- k. Paul Scofield
- l. Frank Sinatra
- m. James Stewart
- n. Monty Woolley

—Andrea Carla Michaels

on one side and consecutive even numbers on the other). If Coop's door number is exactly three times Hutch's, and Hutch's is exactly four times Warren's, what are their street addresses?

—Virginia McCarthy



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ANSWERS

6 LETTERS

Added Interest

1. Carson (cars on)
2. Gabor (gab or)
3. Newton (newt on)
4. Donahue (don a hue)

Tipped Off

The letter: Please, please, please stop printing "tips and clues" on the same page as the cryptogram puzzles. You're ruining the fun!

Our response:

We hope you like the improvement in this month's Dszquphsbnt!—Ed.

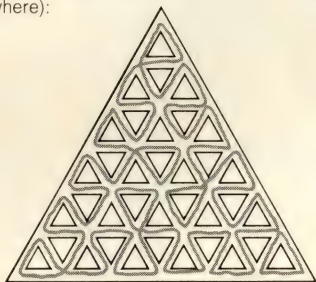
4 YOUR MOVE

Strike 12

It will strike the 12th bong at 12:00:33. When Big Ben strikes 6:00, the first bong occurs on the hour, so in 15 seconds it strikes five more times. At noon, the first bong occurs at 12:00, and 11 more bongs at three seconds each will take 33 seconds.

No Exit

Here is one possible solution (the line may start anywhere):



Numerologic

The values are: A=1, B=5, C=2, D=4, E=3, F=8, G=9, H=6, K=7.

I. M. A. Writer

The correct names are:

1. Wystan Hugh Auden
2. Gilbert Keith Chesterton
3. Thomas Stearns Eliot
4. Edward Morgan Forster
5. Henry Louis Mencken
6. Alan Alexander Milne
7. Sidney Joseph Perelman
8. Jerome David Salinger
9. Charles Percy Snow
10. Pelham Grenville Wodehouse

Advice Versa

The paired opposites are: 1-11, 2-6, 3-12, 4-13, 5-9, 7-8, 10-14.

31 TWELVE BRATS OF CHRISTMAS

The name of each gift rhymes with something worn by the child receiving it:

- Roz (glasses)—passes (5)
Beth (mittens)—kittens (10)
Morton (hat)—bat (8)
Shelby (tie)—pie (3)
Louise (robe)—globe (1)
Lance (collar)—dollar (11)
Dave (sandals)—candles (6)
Wallace (zippers)—flippers (7)
Sue (pocket)—locket (4)
Nancy (sling)—ring (9)
Buddy (jacket)—racket (2)
Harold (sneakers)—speakers (12)

26 WRY SANDWICHES

1.

C	H	A	M	B	E	R
S	W	A	R	T	H	Y
L	I	C	E	N	S	E
A	R	T	I	C	L	E
T	R	A	F	F	I	C
C	O	N	C	A	V	E
S	T	E	W	A	R	D

"Berth certificate"

2.

S	T	R	U	E	L
C	O	N	N	I	V
S	Y	R	I	N	G
A	P	R	I	C	O
I	M	M	E	N	S
V	I	N	T	A	G
C	R	Y	S	T	A

"Running commentary"

3.

W	R	E	S	T	L	E
S	P	A	T	U	L	A
O	C	T	O	P	U	S
S	U	R	F	A	C	E
T	R	O	L	L	E	Y
O	B	E	L	I	S	K
P	I	O	N	E	E	R

"Result of a collision"

18 MURDER IN MINIATURE

The first thing Paul Small noticed at the scene of the crime was that the framed priceless postage stamp, the "inverted airmail," on the wall to the left of the breakfront, had been removed and replaced with the much less valuable "right-side-up" stamp. Only one of the guests was a philatelist who might have especially coveted the rare stamp and who could most easily have acquired the replacement stamp. Only one of the guests collected fingerprints and could easily have hidden the framed replacement stamp among his own displays.

Secondly, if Midge had stumbled against the breakfront and the bust had fallen accidentally, the gold Alexander coin, which was sitting balanced against the back of its shelf, would have fallen over. Therefore the bust had to have been taken down from the shelf as an impromptu murder weapon when the thief was caught in the act of exchanging the stamps. The only person in the group who was tall enough to have done this was Ty Nieman, the philatelist. Careful examination of all the photos reveals that Paul Small was the next tallest; but even with his arm fully extended in photograph 1, he could not reach the bust.

Paul was right. As it turned out, Ty was desperate for money because as an investment banker he had banked on the wrong investments. And as a thief (and a ballroom-dance pro) he had not stepped lively enough.

Note: Any resemblance to either scientific or historical accuracy in this story is strictly coincidental.

FAKE AD

The Fake Advertisement announced in the Table of Contents was for the Book Brace, and appeared on page 53. Idea by Robert Leighton, photos by Nick Koudis.

30 CAN YOU THINK UNDER PRESSURE?

1. The "n" in "in" should be crossed out.
2. The "T" in "T's" should be circled.
3. EASY should be written in the next blank.
4. The eight on the clock should be circled.
5. A square should be drawn around the two.
6. The six should be crossed out.
7. One of the following (or a similar answer) should appear in the blank: Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando.
8. 2.
- 9.

S	P	Y
A	R	E
D	O	T

10. A wavy line should be drawn under "the total number of legs of two spiders and an elephant" (20); the other answers are 19 and 17, respectively.
11. Two blanks should contain two of the following: gold, iron, lead, neon, zinc. The third should contain any dairy product.
12. Two.
13. The words "a" and "containing" should be crossed out.
14. The numbers 3, 21, and 29 should be crossed out on the calendar.
15. The next blank should be left empty.
- 16.

4	6	15	9
14	12	7	1
11	13	2	8
5	3	10	16

17. Badrington, hockey, horse racing. (Many other answers are possible.)
18. END should be written in the last blank.

Scoring Count 1 point for each correct answer. Maximum score: 18.

Ratings

- 16-18—Whiz. You think logically under stress. Either that or you peeked at the answers.
13-15—Excellent. You'd make a good bartender on New Year's Eve.
11-12—Very good. Have you considered driving a school bus for first graders?
9-10—Good. You usually get your Christmas shopping done a little late.
7-8—Fair. You work best at your own speed.
Under 7 points—Don't take it personally—it's only a quiz.

27 NAME BRAIDS

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Marco Polo | 14. Gore Vidal |
| 2. Howard Cosell | 15. Debra Winger |
| 3. Desi Arnaz | 16. Goldie Hawn |
| 4. Mark Twain | 17. Peter O'Toole |
| 5. Fred Astaire | 18. Norman Mailer |
| 6. Spiro Agnew | 19. Tennessee Williams |
| 7. Dolly Parton | 20. Napoleon Bonaparte |
| 8. Billy Graham | |
| 9. Paul Revere | |
| 10. Benny Goodman | Ratings |
| 11. Thomas Edison | 20 answers—Genius |
| 12. Gilda Radner | 16 answers—Exceptional |
| 13. Daniel Boone | 12 answers—Superior |
| | 8 answers—Fair |

33 CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

ACROSS

- 1 A Merry Christmas
- 9 Tangerine (feIT ANGER IN Examining)
- 10 Basin (as + bin)
- 11 Quiet (quit + e)
- 12 Sugarplum (gulps rum + a)
- 14 Endurance (cured Anne)
- 17 Satin (stain)
- 18 Alist (a list)
- 20 Gamesters (gas meters)
- 23 Automaton (aunt - t + tomato)
- 25 Aisle (a + isle)
- 27 Alone (ale + on)
- 28 Colorfast (lot of cars)
- 29 And Happy New Year

DOWN

- 1 Antique (quite an)
- 2 Ennui (nine + U)
- 3 Reenter (renter + e)
- 4 Coins (cons + I)
- 5 Rye (wry)
- 6 Suburbs (subs + rub)
- 7 Mistletoe (motel site)
- 8 Sandman (airS AND MANnerisms)
- 13 Gleam (g + meal)
- 15 Driftwood (Dr. + if + two + odd - d)
- 16 Night (thing)
- 18 Alabama (a + lab + a + ma)
- 19 Tempera (temper + a)
- 21 Sparrow (spar + row)
- 22 Sweater (swear + E. T.)
- 24 Nylon (N + only)
- 26 Stage (sage + T)
- 28 Cup (c + up)

33 CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2

ACROSS

- 1 Bagpipe (bag + pipe)
- 5 Prancer (P + racer + N)
- 9 Delve (good ELVES)
- 10 King crabs (Nick's garb)
- 11 Christmas season (is crass the Mason)
- 12 Sanest (S + a + nest)
- 14 Verifies (fir + Eve is)
- 17 Distorts (Di's + trots)
- 18 String (St. + ring)
- 21 California Angel (caroling fa-la in E)
- 24 Magdalene (made a glen)
- 25 Abash (a + bash)
- 26 Letters (two meanings)
- 27 Tressed (dessert)

DOWN

- 1 Bedecks (be + decks)
- 2 Gold rings (L + Dr. + goings)
- 3 Ideas (Sadie)
- 4 Eskimo (thE SKIMobile)
- 5 Punished (pushed in)
- 6 Alchemist (St. Michael)
- 7 Claws (Claus)
- 8 Resents (presents - p)
- 13 Snowflake (now + S.F. + lake)
- 15 Isinglass (I + sing + lass)
- 16 Starters (starers + t)
- 17 Decimal (Dec. + mail)
- 19 Galahad (gala + had)
- 20 Silent (tinsel)
- 22 Light (slight - s)
- 23 Agave (a + gave)

25 ON THE B&O

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| 1. Rambo | 8. Gumbo |
| 2. Turbo | 9. Gazebo |
| 3. Combo | 10. Limbo |
| 4. Garbo | 11. Placebo |
| 5. Dumbo | 12. Akimbo |
| 6. Hobo | 13. Mambo |
| 7. Columbo | 14. Lobo |

32 DOUBLE CROSS

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| A. AGNEW | M. REJECTION |
| B. DEVOLVE | N. DOTTING |
| C. MAXIMIZES | O. ENZO STUARTI |
| D. INVESTMENTS | P. BITTEN |
| E. RACHEL CARSON | Q. YAMS |
| F. AFGHANISTAN | R. RINGS |
| G. LIKE A | S. DEW POINT |
| H. ROLLING STONE | T. ABU DHABI |
| I. IRONWEED | U. LIGHTS |
| J. CANTON | V. OUT OF AFRICA |
| K. HITTITES | W. NASTURTIUM |
| L. ANSEL ADAMS | X. EVENS |

There is something extravagantly insensate about an Antarctic blizzard at night. Its vindictiveness cannot be measured on an anemometer sheet. It is more than just wind: It is a solid wall of snow moving at gale force, pounding like surf.—Admiral Richard E. Byrd, *Alone*

28 DSZQUPHSBNTI

1. CRYPTOON. "Well, you passed the employee drug test, but I still think you're drinking far too much coffee."
2. RAVE REVIEW. One of my chief regrets during my years in the theater is that I couldn't sit in the audience and watch me.—John Barrymore
3. SHEEPISH? Mary had a little lamb—which got her a lot of dirty looks from her vegetarian friends.
4. WELL-DONE! The table's turned on phony medium when hidden tape player is revealed by turning table over.
5. ALL IN THE FAMILY. Accordions have many musical cousins, among them concertinas, mellophones, and squeezeboxes.
6. GOOD EXCUSE. Golfer with flu makes five double bogies, withdraws from match—complains of feeling above par.
7. BAD CASE. Beer grew flat in lukewarm kegs, preventing ambitious bartender from getting ahead.

WILD CARD ANSWERS

CASTING LOTS

The cast consists of Teresa, Mary, Eileen, Jed, and Steve.

M AS IN MAP

The cities are:
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 Melbourne, Australia
 Milan, Italy
 Minsk, U.S.S.R.
 Monterrey, Mexico
 Moscow, U.S.S.R.
 Montreal, Canada
 Montevideo, Uruguay
 Munich, West Germany
 (Some sources list population of the greater metropolitan area rather than the city proper; these sources may list cities not included on our list.)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

1. "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town"
2. "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
3. "Silver Bells"
4. "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)"
5. "White Christmas"
6. "The Twelve Days of Christmas"
7. "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!"

AN AGE-OLD PROBLEM

The man was born in 1563; he died in 1653 at the age of 90.

ALL AROUND US

By removing the final D from each word and anagramming the remaining letters, the four classic elements are obtained: EARTH, AIR, FIRE, and WATER.

PERSONIFICATION

1. Rosemary and basil are spices.
2. Henry and Gilbert are units of measurement related to electromagnetism
3. Timothy and Johnson are types of grasses.
4. Romeo and Juliet are radio communications code words for the letters R and J.

DUAL PERSONALITIES

1. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton
2. John Lennon and Yoko Ono
3. Johnny Carson and Ed McMahon
4. Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall
5. Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein
6. Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert
7. Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning
8. Paulette Goddard and Charlie Chaplin
9. Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz
10. R2-D2 and C-3PO

NESTED WORDS

1. Germany; gray
2. Leopard; load
3. Anglers; ages
4. Heavier; hair
5. Beatnik; bank
6. Crumble; cube
7. Triplet; tilt
8. Scarlet; salt
9. Oddness; odes
10. Product; pout
11. Reunion; ruin
12. Moonlit; molt
13. Droplet; dolt
14. Engages; eggs
15. Ferment; fret
16. Buoyant; boat

COUNTY FARE

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Hawaii | 6. Illinois |
| 2. Texas | 7. Virginia |
| 3. Florida | 8. California |
| 4. Maine | 9. Minnesota |
| 5. New York | 10. Georgia |

IN THE SWIM

They're all types of sharks.

STREETWISE

Warren, Hutch, and Coop live at 3, 12, and 36 Proximity Place, respectively.

WHO WAS THAT MAN?

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1-e, Richard Harris | 8-a, David Bowie |
| 2-k, Paul Scofield | 9-j, Burt Reynolds |
| 3-i, Gregory Peck | 10-m, James Stewart |
| 4-f, Louis Hayward | 11-c, Sean Connery |
| 5-d, Alec Guinness | 12-l, Frank Sinatra |
| 6-b, James Cagney | 13-g, Christopher Lee |
| 7-n, Monty Woolley | 14-h, Steve Martin |

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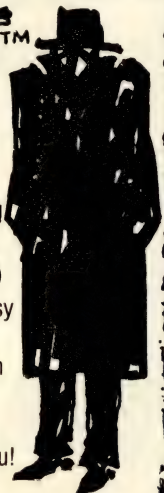
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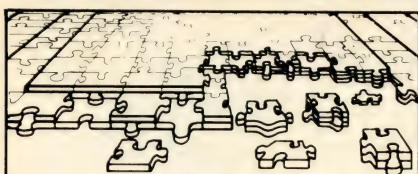
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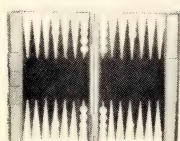
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40 TAKE THE DAY OFF

Holiday In, Holiday Out

2. Groundhog Day was brought to the U.S. by the
Pennsylvania Germans. They had long believed
that the badger was a good prognosticator of the
weather, but finding no badgers here, they adopted
the groundhog.

A Claus by Any Other Name

1-d; 2-c; 3-g; 4-a; 5-e; 6-b; 7-f

The Great White North

Memorial Day, which was begun in the South dur-
ing the U.S. Civil War, is not celebrated in Canada.

A Federal Case

The holidays are: New Year's Day, Washington's
Birthday (celebrated on a Monday; it's known as
Presidents' Day in some parts of the U.S.), Memori-
al Day (Monday), Independence Day, Labor Day
(Monday), Columbus Day (Monday), Veterans Day
(Monday), Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

From Holiday One

1. Three; Miles Standish; Bradford; Wampanoags;
90; venison (though turkeys were plentiful in the
New World at this time, there is no record of their
having been eaten at the first Thanksgiving); ber-
ries; wine

2. Philadelphia; 1777; Hessian; Quakers; Benedict
Arnold; Monroe

3. Egypt, Pharaoh, matzoh, Seder, *The Last
Supper*

Greetings!

According to Hallmark Cards, the holidays, in or-
der, are: Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Moth-
er's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Halloween,
St. Patrick's Day, Jewish New Year, and Hannu-
kah. (Graduation Day is actually in sixth place on
Hallmark's list, but is not a holiday.)

Holiday Handles

1. (b) So says Venerable Bede, the 8th-century En-
glish historian. (The holiday itself has been cele-
brated since the second century, however.)

2. (a)

3. (b)

4. (c)

5. (c)

6. (c)

Practice, Practice, Practice

1. (b) The custom of wearing new clothes and pa-
radizing in them can be traced to the new white
robes worn by the recently baptized in the early
Church.

2. (c) Bringing a snowdrop (an early-blooming
flower) into the house was considered *bad* luck
and would prevent an unmarried woman from find-
ing a husband that year.

3. (a)

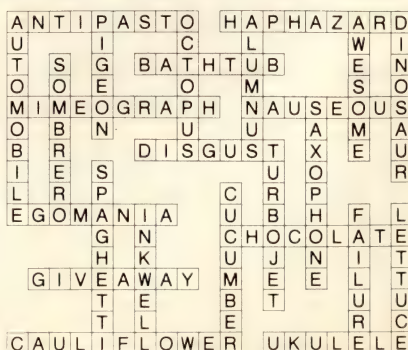
4. (c)

5. (d)

6. (b)

St. Andrew, by the way, is the patron saint of Scot-
land and Russia.

23 FOUR-MID-ABLE



34 U.S. OPEN

A Puzzlement

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I R T S I T A R S A M A
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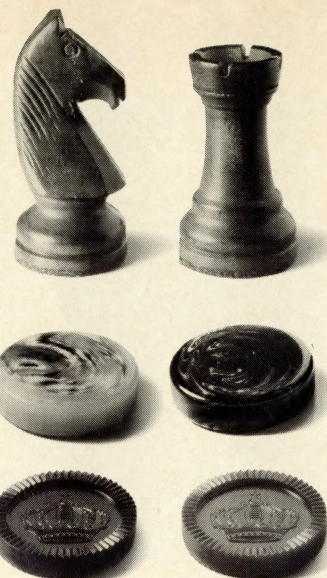
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From top to bottom, the life-size (human scale) objects are:

Left third:

Mouse (in window)
Harmonica (under window)
Broccoli
Spool of thread
Chuckles candy (on sofa)
Apricot (on sofa)
Bottlecap (tray on coffee table)
Candy sprinkles (in bottlecap)

Reese's Peanut Butter Cup (cake on coffee table)
Trivial Pursuit wedge (yellow cheese on coffee table)
Cheerios (doughnuts on coffee table)

Center third:

Pocket watch (clock on wall)
Universal Product Code (framed on wall below watch)
Jack (atop Christmas tree)
Pearls (garland on tree)
Jujubes (red and yellow tree decorations)
Die (green present under tree)
Bouillon cube (silver present under tree)
Antimacassar (rug)

Right third:

Needle threaders (scones on wall above fireplace)
Tarot card (painting over fireplace)
Smith Bros. Cough Drops logo (picture below left needle threader)
Lead fishing weight (left side of mantel)
Bobbin (on mantel)
Pasta (vase on mantel)
Push pins (candlestick holders)
Pretzel sticks (logs)
Thimble
Parsley
Trumpet mouthpiece (holding parsley)

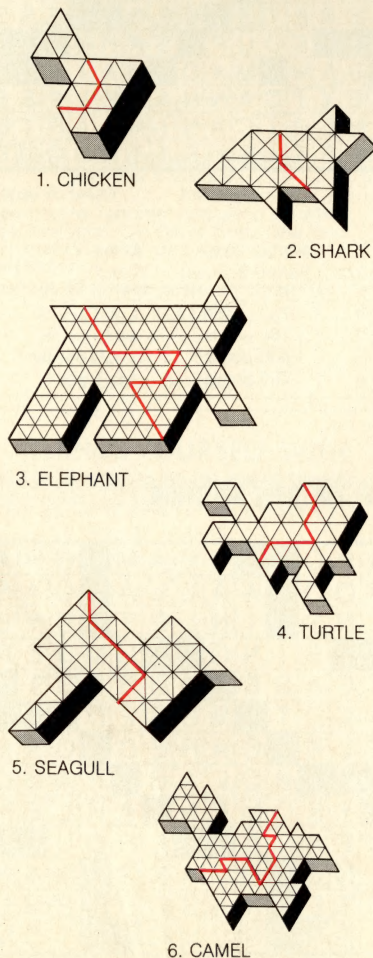
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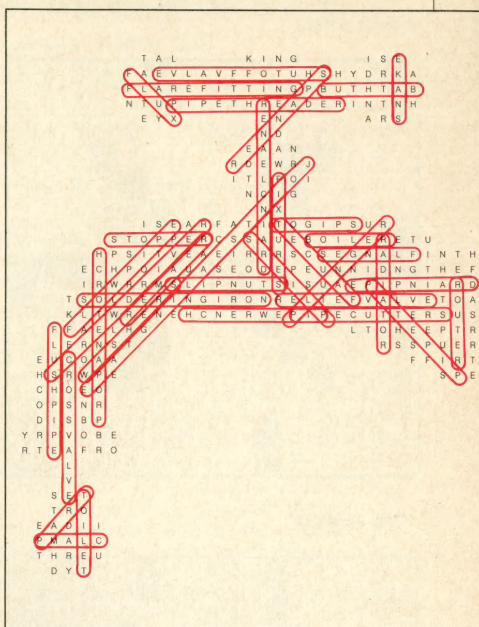
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2. Olives
3. Brazil nut
4. Radishes
5. Cigarette
6. Cactus
7. Penlight batteries
8. Seashell

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